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Approved disaster loans reach \$1.2M

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REPORTER

A total of 19 disaster loan applications on Saipan have been approved by the U.S. Small Business Administration as of yesterday, bringing the amount of approved loans to more than a million dollars.

Out of 19, two are businesses and their approved loans amount to \$550,700, according to U.S. SBA public information officer William Koontz.

The 17 homes that got ap-

proval from SBA were able to loan \$651,000, bringing the grand total of approved loans to \$1,201,700.

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Over \$8M in assistance funds OK'd

About \$8.2 million has been approved for disaster-related assistance in the CNMI, as recovery and relief efforts continue in the aftermath of Typhoon Soudelor.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency also reported that as of yesterday morning, 7,749 have registered

for assistance and 3,109 houses have been inspected.

Survivors are still being encouraged to register for assistance.

FEMA earlier issued an advisory on the disaster assistance payments, cautioning those who

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3 fires in 6 days on Saipan

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Three separate fires in six days engulfed two establishments and one house on Saipan.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde

said yesterday that no one was injured or treated at the scenes for medical complaints in all those incidents.

Gersonde said the Arson Investigation Unit is still investigating the cause of the fires.

He said the first one happened yesterday.

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INFO SESSION

About 200 new and ongoing students attended Northern Marianas College's info session held last Saturday. The next info session is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015, at 5pm for ongoing students and 6pm for new/prospective students at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort. The info session is aimed at providing students information about adjustments to NMC's fall 2015 semester and other important enrollment and registration updates. For details, visit marianas.edu.

NMC

DOL seeks \$6M grant to help displaced workers

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» **FEMA seeking local hires for disaster recovery**

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The CNMI Department of Labor has applied for a \$6-million grant that it will use to help workers who

have been affected or displaced by Typhoon Soudelor.

"Normally when there's a natural disaster and there is a FEMA declaration and the presidential

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho isn't pulling any punches in his effort to deliver typhoon relief.

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Local

Int'l firm to create master plan for \$150M Tinian resort

Bridge Investment Group has selected global leisure design firm YWS Design to master plan its integrated resort named Tinian Ocean View Resort. The resort is planned for development in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, specifically the island of Tinian. Tinian is located in the Asia Pacific region (just four short hours from Beijing) and is the only U.S. territory that allows visa free travel for Chinese and Russian tourists. Scheduled to break ground in January 2016, the \$150-million themed resort, which has been granted a conditional gaming license, takes island visitors back to the early 19th century with its Titanic replica hotel and luxury resort accommodations.

The resort is planned for development in two phases. Phase 1 will include the primary hotel and casino and Phase 2 will expand the casino program into an adjoining Titanic replica that sits on Tinian Harbor. The expanded casino and hospitality accommodations within the Titanic replica will serve the luxury tourist market segment and high-limit gambler.

As leisure designers with Las Vegas roots, YWS is experienced with themed resort



Tom Wucherer, YWS CEO and design architect for Bellagio and Treasure Island in Las Vegas. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

design. "Themed environments toe the line between theatrics and functionality and when they're designed well, the experience is unforgettable," said

Tom Wucherer, YWS CEO and design architect for Bellagio and Treasure Island in Las Vegas. "We're excited to create something truly singular in the

Tinian Ocean View Resort."

The resort is planned to include 300 hotel rooms spanning two buildings, hotel suites ranging from presidential to executive, a 1,800 square meter casino complex, banquet spaces, a wedding chapel, a fitness center, two arcades, and a museum.

Phillip Mendiola-Long, CEO of Bridge Investment Group, stated: "We welcome the opportunity to work with one of the industry's leading design firms. Bridge Investment Group's goal is to provide our future guests with two unique hospitality and gaming experiences and we are confident that YWS Design is the best firm to help us deliver on that promise. Both the Titanic themed hotel and the port hotel will be a casino-hotel complex that will draw international attention to Tinian as one of the world's best tourism experiences."

Bridge Investment Group's first ship of cargo and materials arrived on Tinian on Aug. 24, 2015, with more than 6,000 tons of equipment and materials to begin their project. The company has already begun hiring local residents for security and construction and intends to hire more U.S. citizens as the project ramps up to full construction operations.

YWS Design & Architecture is an international design firm specializing in leisure environments in hospitality, gaming, retail, dining and entertainment. It has worked with some of the most celebrated operators in the world, including Wynn Re-

sorts, MGM International, Resorts World, Crown, and Sands Corporation. Founded in 2001, YWS is headquartered in Las Vegas and has a presence in Tulsa, its Native American services hub, and internationally in Singapore and Macau. (YWS)

Shorter hours for DRC on Labor Day

The Disaster Recovery Center in Susupe will have shortened hours on Labor Day, Monday, Sept. 7.

The DRC will be open from 10am to 2pm on Monday, Sept. 7. The toll-free Helpline, 1-800-621-3362, is still available 24 hours, seven days a week. The Disaster Recovery Center will resume normal operation hours on Tuesday, Sept. 8, 2015. Normal hours of operation are Monday-Saturdays 8am to 5pm; Sundays 10am to 4pm.

The DRC provides face-to-face assistance to survivors whose homes or businesses were affected by Typhoon Soudelor, during the period of Aug. 1 through Aug. 3.

Representatives from the Federal Emergency Management Agency and the U.S. Small Business Administration are at the DRC to explain disaster assistance programs and help survivors apply for aid. FEMA

Hazard Mitigation specialists are also on hand at the DRC to provide information and answer questions about cost-effective rebuilding and repair techniques to reduce property damage in future disasters and information on the National Flood Insurance Program.

The center is located at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe.

Individuals and families, who suffered losses as a result of recent storms, can register for disaster assistance online at www.DisasterAssistance.gov or by calling 1-800-621-3362 (FEMA). Disaster assistance applicants, who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; for those who use 711 or Video Relay Service, call 1-800-621-3362. Multilingual operators are available. (FEMA)

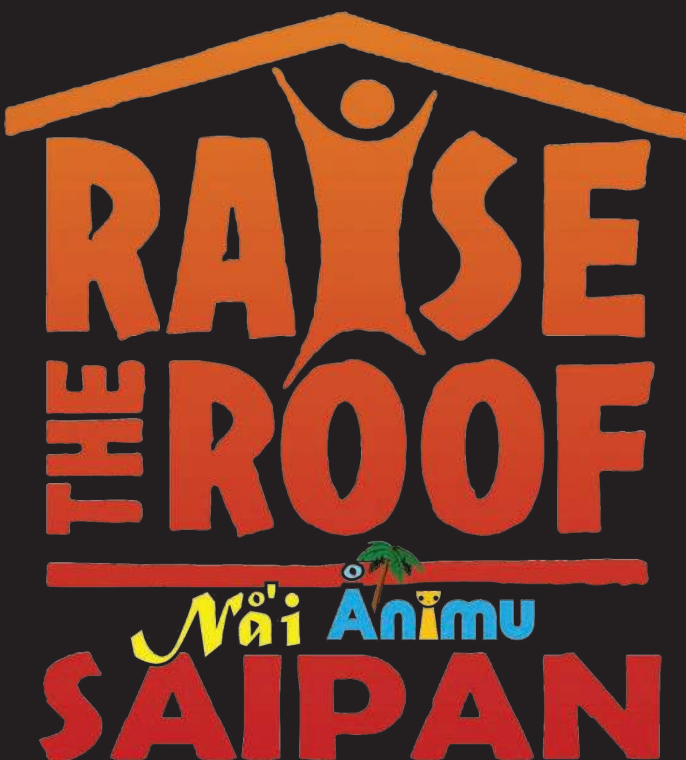


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Saipan casino commission looks to regulate 'junkets'

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Casino Commission is refining its regulations on "junkets" that may be hosted by Saipan's exclusive casino licensee, Best Sunshine International, Ltd. This will allow the commission to establish fees and regulate "promoters" who bring in high-rollers from around the world to play at Saipan's planned casino tables, according to the commission's executive director, Edward C. DeLeon Guerrero.

According to uscasinofinder.com, a junket is trip financed by a casino and organized by a junket operator to bring a group of gamblers to the casino.

The regulations of junkets, which are allowed under Public

Law 18-56, will be put on the table again at the commission's planned Sep. 11 meeting. It was deferred at their Aug. 27 meeting last week.

Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* they are looking at other jurisdictions on how they regulate junkets, but they already have a proposed set of regulations.

"We are trying to regulate the entities that want to participate in the junket," Guerrero said.

Basically, agreements between casino "promoters" that arrange high-rollers to come out and play at Best Sunshine's casino will be regulated by the commission.

Guerrero said the commission is looking to license these promoters, requiring them to be licensed by the commission.

"We are requiring them that they pay the fee for those licens-

es," he said, adding that there will be "vetting" or background investigations required as part of obtaining the license.

"... And once we license them, then they will be authorized to proceed in terms of arranging those customers to

come and play with Best Sunshine," he added.

At their next meeting, the commission can adopt the regulations in two ways. One, they can approve it as an "emergency adoption" that will be good for a maximum

of 120 days. Another option is adoption for announcement in the *Commonwealth Register*. That will be announced in the *Commonwealth Register* for a minimum of 30 days or longer for the public to comment on it. At the end of the 30 days

or somewhere before the 120 days are over, the regulations can be adopted as permanent regulations.

"We normally do both [options]," Guerrero said, adding that this way everybody has fair access to review the regulations.



A lucky lady living in Chalan Kanoa has just won \$1000 instant cash playing instant scratchies. The lucky lady who does not want to be identified was shopping at Kevin's Store in Chalan Kanoa, when she bought a Star Spangled 7's ticket for one dollar. She immediately scratched the ticket to reveal three \$1000 symbols and hit the \$1000 Jackpot! Asked for a comment she replied that her heart was beating so fast when she looked at the ticket and couldn't believe her eyes so she checked it with the cashier who confirmed her win. There are more \$1000 cash prizes to be won. Good luck to all the players. Pictured are Kevin's Store representative and NMSA representative with the winning ticket and prize money during the presentation.

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Sept. 15 @ 9am – Math Placement (Int'l Students)

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Sept. 8-11 Registration for Ongoing Students (Alphabetized Priority)

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First Day of Classes for Fall 2015
September 28, 2015

Last Day of Classes for Fall 2015
December 19, 2015

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INFO SESSION for NEW AND ONGOING STUDENTS:

September 3, 2015 (Thursday)	5pm for Ongoing Students 6pm for New/Prospective Students	Saipan Laolao Bay Golf Resort - Caladium Hall
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The dates listed above have been determined based on an expected timeline for the completion of important repair and renovation work necessitated by Typhoon Soudelor. The dates and times may change; please visit www.marianas.edu for more updated information or email oar@marianas.edu.

Hotel occupancy rate at 85 percent in July

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 85.20 percent occupancy among 11 member hotels for July 2015, a 3-percent increase compared to July 2014.

A total of 60,353 of 70,839 available room nights sold in

July 2015, compared to 58,479 of 71,393 of available room nights sold over the same period last year. Room rates were \$134.25 during the month, compared to \$130.57 last July.

"Occupancy rates were decent in July, although most of

our members agree the rates would've been even higher if we had not had the fiber optic cable outage affecting Internet and phone communication during the month," said HANMI chair Gloria Cavanagh.

"As this time, our hotel

members continue to aid their displaced employees and donate to the community as we rebuild from Typhoon Soudelor," Cavanagh said. "The tourism industry is still the foundation of our economy, and it's important to keep that

industry strong. We understand there's been some consideration to divert funding from the Marianas Visitors Authority in the [fiscal year] 2016 budget. The earmarked funds for the MVA are a necessary investment in our tourism market. Proper funding is essential for healthy growth. Less than three years ago, our funding was just a small fraction of our competing destinations and it showed in our low arrival numbers. Just because we are on

an upswing in our economy does not mean that these funds are no longer necessary. In fact, the funds are even more crucial now that

we have suffered with July's fiber optic damage and Soudelor. We must always remember that money spent through the MVA produces money for the CNMI."

So far this calendar year, hotel occupancy is at an average 86 percent, 3 percent higher than last year. Additionally, average room rates have increased by 7 percent compared to the same period last fiscal year.

The Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year, was established in 1985 as a professional forum for the hospitality industry of the NMI. (HANMI)



Cavanagh

Legislature gets power back on

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REPORTER

Power was back on at the Legislature on Capital Hill late Friday afternoon and operations returned to normal yesterday.

A staff said most of the offices conducted their own "general cleaning" activities.

The legislative building houses the offices of members of the House of Representatives and the Senate.

The building was out of power for three weeks, while the Governor's Office—where the Executive branch of the CNMI government is housed—was using a generator.

Early Monday, it was "back to business" for lawmakers, according to Rep. Antonio P. Sablan (Ind-Saipan).

One major inconvenience of having no power, Sablan said, is that constituents had to go to different locations to air their concerns to lawmakers.

"We were even supposed to relocate, but it is a good thing that power was restored

Friday," he said, adding that lawmakers had to use the Superior Court in Susupe to hold a session and meetings.

He clarified that it was Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro who invited lawmakers to use one of the courtrooms for free.

Earlier, House Speaker Joseph P. DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan) said he requested the Federal Emergency Management Agency

and then acting governor Ralph DLG. Torres to have a generator installed at the Legislature.

"I made a verbal request to the FEMA and to the acting governor. I believe all requests must be made by governor to the FEMA," he said.

Budget meeting

Sablan, meanwhile, said the members of the conference committee for both the House and Senate are set to hold their first meeting this Thursday, Sept. 3.

Lawmakers to tackle budget stalemate

The committee will tackle and review the proposed government budget for fiscal year 2016.

The House of Representatives and Senate both agreed on the draft \$145-million budget, but each presented radically different appropriations for certain CNMI government agencies.

One major difference is \$5.6 million that the Senate "moved around" so that more can be given to law enforcement agencies, particularly the Department of Public Safety.

The House eventually rejected the Senate version of the budget.

Reps. Sablan, Felicidad Ogomuro (R-Saipan), and Angel Demapan (R-Saipan) are the House's conference committee members.

Their counterparts in the Senate are Sens. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), Frank Cruz (R-Tinian), and Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), who chairs the Senate Com-

mittee on Fiscal Affairs that conducted the budget review for the Senate.

As with previous legislatures, the conference committee will seek to hammer out a compromise budget.

The budget that will be approved will then be sent to both the House and the Senate before being transmitted to Gov. Eloy S. Inos for signing.

"The top concern, I believe, will be the earmarked funds and how to allocate them," Sablan said, explaining that this earmarked funds are "outside" the \$145-million proposed budget.

He said the conference committee might take several meetings before a budget can be agreed upon.

"But we want to give the governor a few weeks to review the budget," Sablan said.

As mandated by the CNMI Constitution, the government should have a budget by the end of the fiscal year on Sept. 30, or risk having to shut down operations.

FIRES

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opened at Hawaiian Rock on Wednesday.

He said DFEMS received a call about the fire at 5:46pm and fire trucks from Susupe, Koblerville, and Kagman responded to the scene. A water tanker from the Commonwealth Ports Au-

thority's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting assisted in providing water to the fire engines.

Gersonde said the fire originated from a container used for melting tar.

Firefighters extinguished the blaze in the container.

The second fire occurred Saturday at a one-story house in San Antonio.

Gersonde said DFEMS re-

ceived the call about the fire Saturday at 9:26pm and fire trucks from Susupe, Koblerville, and Kagman responded and controlled the blaze at 12:20am, Sunday.

Gersonde said investigators determined that the fire started at the southeastern side of the house.

The third fire happened in western Garapan on Sunday.

DFEMS received the call

about the fire at the Hanamitsu Wedding Studio at the Paseo de Marianas on Sunday at 12:03am.

Fire trucks from Susupe, Koblerville, Garapan, and Kagman responded and controlled the blaze at 12:20am.

Gersonde said investigators determined that the fire originated from the stairway located on the western side of Hanamitsu.

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availed of the assistance to "be cautious" and use the funds wisely.

Funds, whether by check or direct deposit from the U.S.

Treasury, will be in the form of a grant to make either minimal temporary repair on damaged homes or for rental assistance.

The payment will be followed within a day or two by a letter explaining what the money is intended for. It is important that the payment be used only

for the intended purpose.

"Inspectors are in the field to confirm your loss," said Stephen M. DeBlasio Sr., federal coordinating officer of FEMA. "We encourage residents with property damage to register quickly with FEMA and be ready to welcome our inspec-

tors who will help speed your claim process."

Inspectors continue to examine property damage as part of the FEMA process that brings assistance to Saipan residents who have registered in the wake of Typhoon Soudelor. (Joel Pinaroc)

LOANS

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Residents and business owners seeking assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency may be referred to SBA depending on their household income.

"If you've been through the typhoon and you don't have insurance, then perhaps now your

only option is disaster loan to get back in business," Koontz said in a recent interview.

Koontz said their goal is to have loan applications approved within 21 days but it also depends on the situation.

"Typically you will get a loan approval in a week or two. A business owner might take longer," Koontz said.

SBA said that even if an individual or a business feel that

they cannot afford a loan, it is better that they apply anyway because if they are found ineligible for SBA, they are automatically referred back to FEMA to be considered for FEMA's Other Needs Assistance grant program.

"Apply for an SBA loan to start the process," Koontz said. "If you decide to not apply to SBA, you are saying, 'I don't want any further assistance from the U.S. gov-

ernment programs.'"

The deadline to apply for a low-interest SBA disaster loan is Oct. 5. SBA said once you apply, you can later withdraw your request. If you do, they will offer you six months to change your mind and resume the loan process.

SBA added that once an applicant is approved, there is no obligation to use the loan or you may use just a portion of the amount approved.

DOL

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disaster declaration, the state Workforce Investment Agency submits an application called National Dislocated Worker Grant. Primarily it's to help people who are affected by the storm, who lost their jobs and got displaced by the storm," Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*.

According to her, they already submitted an "initial skeleton application" asking for \$6 million.

"I'm really hopeful that everything gets approved. If not, then maybe some parts of that application," DeLeon Guerrero said.

If approved, DOL will be able to recruit up to 300 temporary workers not only on Saipan but on Tinian and Rota as well.

Under this program, those who lost their jobs can come in and work because they are considered dislocated or displaced by the storm.

Aside from being able to hire, the grant can also be used to purchase tools and protective gear for the would-be workers.

However, residents who lost their jobs or who are currently unemployed because of the disaster need not wait for the approval of the grant to get some assistance.

One of the funding streams that the Workforce Investment Agency has every year is the dislocated worker program that isn't necessarily just for workers who lost their jobs because of the typhoon, but they can apply for it just the same.

"If there's anybody out there that got affected by the storm...go ahead and come in and apply for the WIA services under the dislocated program," De-

Leon Guerrero said.

Those who are interested can look for the information posted on the WIA website, <http://www.wia.gov.mp/> or call WIA at 664-1708/57/05.

DOL is also working with the U.S. Department of Labor Employment & Training Administration-San Francisco and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Disaster Unemployment Assistance

"There's no official press release yet out, so there are a lot of things that are still being worked on," DeLeon Guerrero said.

FEMA seeking local hires

FEMA also partnered with the CNMI DOL to recruit and screen individuals to work in various positions to assist in disaster recovery.

"FEMA routinely offers employment to residents in disaster areas to support the local economy and provide jobs to those who may have lost employment due to the event," a FEMA statement said.

FEMA said temporary, full-time positions are available locally for areas such as administration, accounting, engineering, courier, writing and public information, and television/radio broadcast production, planning, individual disaster assistance and logistics. Posted hourly salaries vary from \$11 to \$41 depending on the position.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens and are 18 years of age or older. Individuals will be required to pass a background investigation that includes fingerprinting and credit check.

Aside from the WIA website, job descriptions are also available at <http://www.marianaslabor.net>. CNMI residents may apply at e-mail: fema-dr-4235-mp-hire-me@fema.dhs.gov.

CHCC monitoring increase in flu-like incidences

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has yet to identify what specifically caused the death of Federal Emergency Management Agency staffer Thomas Stilwell from "influenza-like" symptoms.

In a news briefing yesterday afternoon at the CHCC conference room, Medical Director Dr. Daniel Lamar said their investigation showed it "was

complications from influenza, which does occur and happens in some people who have higher risk factors."

Stilwell passed away at the Commonwealth Health Center Saturday evening. He was 65.

"We've discussed in our Flu-Watch Campaign for people who are older and their immune system is not working well, those are people who are most susceptible and can experience complications of influenza. That is why we stress that in our cam-

paign," he added.

Stilwell suffered from respiratory problems, most likely complications from the influenza symptoms, he said.

"No real cause of death but the only thing we know is he was having influenza-like symptoms," Lamar said.

According to Lamar, CHCC has seen a spike in the number of influenza-like illnesses in the community and tests on those who've gone to the Commonwealth Health Center confirm that.

Those who are most vulnerable to influenza are children ages 6 months to 2 years of age and people 65 years old or more.

Warren Villagomez, Public Health and Hospital Emergency Preparedness Program director, said they activated the Flu-

Watch Campaign a month ago and have printed materials that will be distributed at the U.S. Postal Service in Chalan Kanoa, the Nutrition Assistance Program in As Lito, and other areas to educate the community.

"Flu shots will be provided later when we get the vaccine," Villagomez said.

If anyone is feeling sick, CHCC urges people to stay home, don't go to work, and just rest or visit the hospital to get checked.

"We know it's here in the community and we want to let the public know that this is another reason to exercise prevention," he said.

Lamar noted that Stilwell is so far the only known death from influenza-like symptoms despite the increase in

influenza-like illnesses in the community.

However, there isn't any specific numbers on the increase and no further details on Stilwell's death was provided by CHCC.

CHCC chief executive officer Esther Muña assured that the corporation is "closely monitoring this incident among flu-like symptoms that we have been seeing through our clinics."

Muna noted that they have been doing some testing and they will be sending them to Hawaii for further tests.

Arrangements being made to fly FEMA staff's remains to Georgia

Arrangements are now being made to fly back the remains of a Federal Emergency Management Agency staff who died while on assignment in the CNMI.

Stephen DeBlasio Sr., federal coordinating officer of FEMA, confirmed that Thomas Stilwell died Saturday night due to "influenza-like symptoms."

Stilwell's remains will be flown back to his hometown in Georgia in the U.S., DeBlasio said, explaining that FEMA has "a procedure in place for these unfortunate events."

Stilwell, 65, was FEMA's network manager at the FEMA Joint Field Office, and one of his responsibilities was to make sure FEMA servers are up and running as relief efforts continue, DeBlasio said.

Stilwell is also a veteran FEMA representative, having worked with 100 disasters.

"He had a long career and he was working with FEMA during 9/11," DeBlasio said.

DeBlasio said despite this "great loss," FEMA does not expect any interruptions and "it will proceed forward."

The FEMA official added that the doctors who handled Stilwell's case assured DeBlasio that "there is no cause of concern for FEMA representatives."

In a news briefing on Capitol Hill yesterday, Gov. Eloy S. Inos expressed his condolences to Stilwell's family and colleagues.

"We join his family and friends in mourning. We will do our best to bring comfort to his family and make sure that his remains will be brought home safely and properly," Inos said.

The governor is also asking "every citizen of our Commonwealth to join me in keeping Mr. Stilwell's family in our prayers as we offer our condolences and deepest sympathies."

Inos also expressed his gratitude to FEMA as assistance for disaster survivors continue. (Joel Pinaroc)

Drunk man allegedly threatens to kill people, including 2 cops

An intoxicated man allegedly harassed and threatened to kill some people, including two police officers, in Garapan last Friday afternoon.

Omar Raja Nawaz, 25, was taken to Superior Court yesterday on charges of disturbing the peace and resisting arrest. His bail was set at \$1,250 cash. Preliminary hearing is on Sept. 9 at 9am.

Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer was appointed as counsel for Nawaz. Assistant attorney general Barbara Cepeda appeared for the government.

Police detective Daniel Maliuyaf stated in his report that the Department of Public Safety received a complaint on Friday at 4:45pm about a man, later identified as Nawaz, who threatened to kill another man at a hotel's beach concession in Garapan.

Two police officers arrived at the concession and met with the male caller, who told them that Nawaz walked up to him that day at 4:30pm and threatened to kill him.

The victim allegedly detected a strong odor of alcohol from Nawaz's breath.

Another person said Nawaz approached him under the tent and started bothering him by asking for cigarettes.

At 5pm, the two officers walked to Hyatt Beach, where they saw Nawaz swimming in the water and shouting. As the officers were trying to handcuff Nawaz, the defendant pulled back his hands. The officers then grabbed his arms and secured him.

While the officers were escorting him to the police vehicle, Nawaz allegedly resisted and struggled. Nawaz almost sprained police officer Hans Pua's right thumb.

As the officers were transporting him to the Department of Corrections, Nawaz allegedly threatened to kill "all of them."

Nawaz also allegedly tried to kick one officer with his right foot.

Last June, police arrested Nawaz for allegedly kicking a car parked at a poker arcade in Sadog Tasi. (Ferdie de la Torre)

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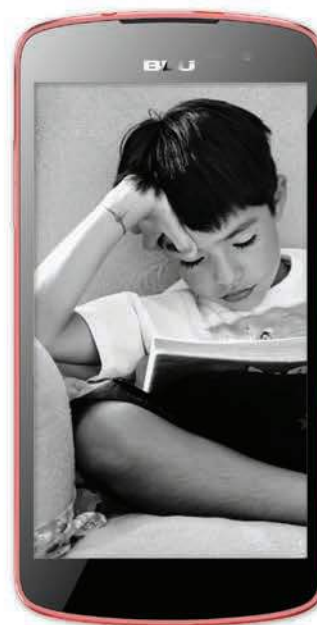
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Two suspects in \$4.3M 'ice' case plead not guilty

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

Yuliu Liu and Zhenlin Fang, the two overstaying Chinese tourists who were indicted in the seizure of over 10,700 grams of methamphetamine or "ice" worth about \$3.2 million to \$4.3 million, have pleaded not guilty to the charges.

During Friday's arraignment, Liu and Fang, through their counsels, waived the formal advisement of their constitutional rights and the reading of the charges against them.

The two pleaded not guilty to the indictment that charged them with conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50

grams or more of methamphetamine.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather Kennedy set the jury trial for Oct. 27, 2015.

Liu, through his lawyer, also pleaded not guilty to a separate indictment that charged him with possession with intent to

distribute 50 grams or more of methamphetamine.

Kennedy set Liu's jury trial for Oct. 29, 2015.

Assistant U.S. attorney Ross Naughton, counsel for the U.S. government, moved to unseal the cases and stated that it was not the prosecution's intent to seal the indictments.

The judge granted the motion.

Attorney Steven Pixley is court-appointed counsel for Fang. Attorney Mark Hanson is court-appointed counsel for Liu in both cases.

Attorney Benjamin Petersburg appeared as counsel for Liu on behalf of Hanson.

A Customs inspector detected

the "ice" inside an air compressor in a container from Guangzhou, China, at the seaport warehouse on Saipan last July 17. That discovery led federal and local law enforcers to make a follow-up investigation that ended with the arrest last July 22 of Liu and Fang and the discovery of 130 more grams of "ice" from Liu's house.

Former Chinese legislator claims she fled to Saipan for fear of persecution

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

A former legislator in China claims that she ultimately fled to Saipan after certain Chinese government law enforcement officials severely beat, threatened, and detained her due to her political opinions.

Heqian Ma has a pending application before the Saipan Immigration Court, asking the court to withhold her removal from the CNMI on the basis of her fear of being persecuted by the Chinese government on account of her political beliefs.

In March 2012, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief

Judge Ramona V. Manglona imposed a six-month prison term on a woman named Heqian Ma, who was convicted of luring Chinese nationals to the CNMI for non-existing jobs. The defendant pleaded guilty to two counts of fraud in foreign labor contracting.

Saipan Tribune contacted

Ma's counsel, Samuel Mok, to verify whether his client is the same person who was sentenced in 2012. Mok was not in his office and had yet to return call as of press time.

In Ma's petition in federal court, Mok disclosed that the Immigration Court had tentatively granted Ma's withhold-

ing of removal at a hearing last June 16 on the condition she complete her biometrics by Sept. 1, 2015.

The deadline prompted Ma to file Monday a petition for writ of mandamus in federal court against federal officials to force U.S. Citizenship & Immigration Services to take her biometrics as she has already made three requests since February 2015 that have yet to result in a biometrics appointment.

Mok stated that if Ma's biometrics are not completed by Sept. 1, 2015, the Immigration Court has indicated it will dismiss or deny her pending application not to be deported on the basis of "abandonment."

Mok said the dismissal and/or denial of Ma's application will result in her deportation to China where the Immigration Court has already found—during a prior hearing—that she would likely be persecuted by the Chinese government due to her political beliefs.

Mok asked the federal court to hear Ma's petition on an emergency basis or before the Sept. 1 deadline.

Mok also asked the federal court to direct USCIS and Department of Homeland Security officials to immediately enter Ma into the system so that a biometrics appointment may be scheduled.

According to Mok, Ma was formerly an elected member of the national Chinese legislature and that during her time as a lawmaker she had investigated and filed reports of corruption on certain Chinese government law enforcement officials.

Because of such investigations, Ma was severely beaten, threatened, and detained, Mok said.

The lawyer said Ma ultimately fled to Saipan but he did not indicate the date when his client arrived on island.

Mok stated that in 2012, Ma filed with the Immigration Court on Saipan an application for withholding of removal—a petition not to be deported—citing her fear of being persecuted by the Chinese government if she was forcibly returned to her native China.

The Immigration Court denied Ma's application on Feb. 12, 2013, saying she did not have enough documents to corroborate her claims.

However, on Dec. 10, 2014, the Board of Immigration Ap-

peals reversed the decision and remanded Ma's case to the Immigration Court so that Ma could file more documents to support her claims.

Mok said his client sent a biometrics request to USCIS in Nebraska last Feb. 11, but she never received a response.

Mok said Ma then filed corroborating documents with the Immigration Court to support her petition.

When Ma received on May 21 a notice from DHS that her biometrics and background checks were not complete, she sent on June 2 a second biometrics request to USCIS in Nebraska, Mok said.

He said Ma went to USCIS Office on Saipan last June 15 in an attempt to have her biometrics taken on a walk-in basis.

Mok said a USCIS officer told Ma that she could not have her biometrics taken because she was "not in the system."

The lawyer said Ma went back the following day to USCIS on Saipan, but another told her that her biometrics could not be taken because there was no proof that she had paid the biometrics fee.

Mok said at the June 16, 2015, hearing, Immigration Court Judge Clarence M. Wagner tentatively granted Ma's petition on the condition that she completes her biometrics by Aug. 18, 2015.

Mok said that last June 29, Ma received a letter from USCIS acknowledging receipt of her June 2, 2015, biometrics request and asking that she submit further information before her biometrics request could be processed.

Mok said Ma filed a third biometrics request last July 6 to USCIS in Nebraska.

To date, Mok said, Ma has still not received a response from the USCIS, let alone been scheduled for a biometrics appointment despite the passage of more than seven weeks since the third request was delivered.

Mok said the Immigration Court then scheduled a new hearing for Sept. 15, 2015, and warned Ma that if she failed to have her biometrics completed by Sept. 1, 2015, he would dismiss her case.

Mok said Ma's failure to have her biometrics taken thus far are solely attributable to the neglect and wrongful indifference of USCIS and is not attributable in any way to her.

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First Bell: 8:00 a.m.
Dismissal: 12:15 p.m.

High Schools

First Bell: 8:00 a.m.
Dismissal: 12:45 a.m.

Bus Schedules

Elementary

Bus Pick Up: 6:45 – 7:00 a.m.
Bus Drop Off : 11:30 a.m.

Middle Schools

Bus Pick Up: 7:30-7:45 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 12:15-12:30 p.m.

High Schools

Bus Pick Up: 7:30-7:45 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 12:15-12:30 p.m.

Double Session Elementary School Schedules

1a. Garapan Elementary School Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd & 3rd Grade

Morning Session
First Bell: 7:30 a.m.
Dismissal: 11:30 a.m.
Bus Pick Up: 6:45 -7:00 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 11:30 a.m.

1b. Garapan Elementary School 4th, 5th & 6th Grade

Afternoon Session
First Bell: 11:55 a.m.
Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.
Bus Pick Up: 10:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 4:00 p.m.

2a. San Vicente Elementary School Kindergarten, 1st Grade & 2nd Grade

Morning Session
First Bell: 7:25 a.m.
Dismissal Bell: 11:30 a.m.
Bus Pick Up: 6:45 a.m.-7:00 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 11:30 a.m.

2b. San Vicente Elementary School 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade

Afternoon Session
First Bell: 11:55 a.m.
Dismissal: 4:00 p.m.
Bus Pick Up: 10:45 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
Bus Drop Off: 4:00 p.m.

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SAVING SAIPAN:

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Editor's note: Saipan Tribune's latest series features everyday heroes who are taking part in recovery efforts and assisting those in need after Typhoon Soudelor devastated Saipan.

Frank "The Crank" Camacho isn't pulling any punches in his campaign to deliver relief to survivors of Typhoon Soudelor on island.

The mixed martial arts fighter garnered a plethora of relief goods and donations from various individuals and businesses in Guam and had them shipped to Saipan in a container purchased after his victorious fight in Guam.

The Saipan native said it is "heart-wrenching" to see the devastation that islanders continue to endure.

"There wasn't much warning regarding the typhoon and the next morning I remember seeing photos of the devastation," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "It was a hard sight to see. The phone lines were all down so I was worried for family, friends, and the island."

Since getting in touch with his family and friends, Camacho has coordinated highly suc-

Frank 'The Crank' Camacho joins the fight for recovery



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Frank "The Crank" Camacho transfers donations into a shipping container he purchased after his victorious fight in Guam.

loss have motivated him to help even more.

"I cannot imagine such a loss that could be to a family," he said. "There is no power and water and lots of families deep in the villages aren't getting the help they need because they are 'off the grid'..."

Camacho told *Saipan Tribune* that it is a "duty to serve and help our people" as long as he is well and able.

"I believe God has blessed me with all He has given me to serve a greater purpose than just fight and win competitions," he said.

Camacho is now on Saipan to personally distribute the donations, particularly to those in remote parts of the island.

cessful fundraisers in Guam, garnering the support of businesses such as Pika's Cafe, Cars Plus Guam, Fokai Industry, and Custom Fitness.

"Teamwork makes the dream work," he explained. "Divided we are weak. Together we are strong!"

Camacho said that stories of

Senior DeMolay from Japan visits Saipan

Japanese businessman Jiro Chiba and his family are on Saipan for a short four-day vacation and are not regretting their trip one bit despite the island still recovering from Typhoon Soudelor.

While on island, Chiba visited popular tourist spots like Banzai Cliff, Suicide Cliff, Bird Island Lookout, and Last Command Post. He also found time to connect with fellow senior DeMolay Mark Rabago and masons of Emon Lodge No. 179 led by Bong Malasarte.

Chiba, who is chairman of his own company in Japan, said he very much enjoyed his vacation on Saipan despite the island still showing scars wrought by Soudelor. He said he's been to many places in the world but he fell in love with Saipan's natural beauty and pristine landscape.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Japanese businessman and senior DeMolay Jiro Chiba, second from right, poses with, from left, masons Arnel Mitran and Bong Malasarte, senior DeMolay Mark Rabago, and mason Joel Subang at the Costa Terrace restaurant of Aqua Resort Club.

Unlike Hawaii, Saipan is not commercialized, he added.

Chiba, who stayed with his family at the executive suite of Aqua Resort Club, is a cancer survivor who speaks with the help of a talking aid attached to his throat after his pharynx was surgically removed some nine years ago.

He said he was very active in DeMolay in Japan. DeMolay is an international organization for young men ages 12 to 21. After 21, a member becomes a senior

DeMolay.

DeMolay is considered part of the general "family" of Masonic and associated organizations, along with other youth groups such as Job's Daughters and Rainbow.

Chiba said when he became a senior DeMolay he formed an organization of fellow senior members of the brotherhood to help advise the youth group in Japan.

Malasarte thanked Chiba and his family for visiting Saipan,

while Rabago said he's glad that a fellow senior DeMolay picked the island for his family's vacation. Also meeting with Chiba were masons Joel Subang and Arnel Mitran.

Chiba came to Saipan with his wife, daughter, and son-in-law. They are set to leave Saipan this afternoon. He said he hopes to return to Saipan someday and experience the island once it is fully recovered. (*Saipan Tribune*)



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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In the Matter of
the Estate of
ROBERT B. WOODRUFF,
Deceased.

Civil Action
No. 15-0127E
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mrs. Jun Ping Woodruff has filed a Petition for 1) proof of the Last Will and Testament of her late husband, Robert B. Woodruff; 2) Mrs. Woodruff's appointment as Executrix pursuant to the Will; and 3) issuance of letters testamentary pursuant to the terms of the Will.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Petition will be heard by the Court at the Guma Hustisia in Susupe, Saipan on September 8, 2015 at 1:30 p.m.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN to all heirs of and persons having claims against the late Robert B. Woodruff or his Estate, and to all persons claiming an interest in the Estate, that they shall file such claims with the Clerk of Court within 60 days from the first publication of this Notice. Copies of such claims should also be provided to the Petitioner's attorney: Thomas E. Clifford, Attorney at Law, 2nd Floor, Alexander Building, San Jose, P.O. Box 506514, Saipan, MP 96950. All claims against the late Robert B. Woodruff or his Estate that are not so filed shall be forever barred.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2015.

/s/ PATRICK V. DIAZ
Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

MARLON B. ANCHETA) FCD-PA
Petitioner) CIVIL ACTION
) NO. 15-0326
vs.) SUMMONS
) FOR
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/s/ Clerk of Court

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Municipal Scholarship Board hereby gives notice that there will be a Regular Meeting on Thursday, September 03, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. at the Northern Marianas College, Tinian campus, building B (room E) in San Jose Village, Tinian.

AGENDA

- I. PRELIMINARY
 1. Call to Order
 2. Roll Call
 3. Adoption of Agenda
 4. Adoption of Minutes
a. July 30, 2015
- II. PUBLIC COMMENTS¹
- III. EXECUTIVE SESSION²
- IV. NEW BUSINESS
 1. To determine deadline for NMC students due to the delay of fall opening of classes at September 28, 2015.
 2. Review & Approval of Fall 2015, Academic Year 2015-2016 Scholarship Applicants.
- V. MISCELLANEOUS MATTER
- VI. SCHEDULE OF NEXT BOARD MEETING
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

/S/JULIAN U. HOFSCHEIDER
Chairman

¹ We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments on the day of the meeting.

² Pursuant to 1 CMC section 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

³ Individuals with special needs requiring special accommodations, please contact the TMSB office at least 48 hours prior to schedule meeting for assistance.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Kagman High orientation schedule

Kagman High School will hold an orientation for grades 9 and 10 on Sept. 3, Thursday.

- 9th grade at 1pm
- 10th grade at 3pm

Juniors & Seniors will have their orientation on Sept 4, Friday.

- 11th grade at 1pm
- 12th grade at 3pm

Parents/guardian and students

must attend.

School opens on Sept. 8. For more information, call 664-3870. (*PR*)

Schedule of activities for Marianas High School

1. Back to School Orientation for students/parents

■ All incoming 9th graders and new students: Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2015, 9am-11:30am, MHS E Stage Area.

■ All returning 10th, 11th, and 12th grade students: Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015, 9am - 11:30am, MHS E Stage Area-Inviting

■ First day of classes: Sept. 8, 2015.

7:15am: All high school bus riders should be at the bus stops.

8am-12:15pm: Class session.

12:15pm: Lunch/dismissal

12:45pm: After school; buses depart (*MHS*)

Guam musicians, runners, BoG raise over \$8.4K for Saipan

HAGATNA, Guam—During the week of Aug. 17, 2015, local musicians performing at Guam's The Venue, The Joint, and Club Icon Clubs raised \$6,200 and partnered with Bank of Guam to directly benefit Saipan victims of Typhoon Soudelor. Led by

Chiabe "Bok" Pangelinan, over 30 musicians performed at the three local clubs on Aug. 10, 11, and 15.

Following this event, the Guam Running Club organized a 5K Run on Aug. 15, 2015, and raised \$2,223, also contributing those funds to the Bank of

Guam's Soudelor relief effort.

Funds are still being accepted at the Bank of Guam "Soudelor Aid" account, and will be distributed as follows: 40 percent to Saipan Red Cross, 40 percent to Karidat, and 20 percent to Salvation Army.

In addition to the account established for "Soudelor Aid," Bank of Guam is offering a 90-day loan payment deferment program to its Saipan loan customers in good standing.

Bank of Guam has also extended financial assistance to its employees on

Saipan in support of their needs during the recovery period.

Bank of Guam, with assets over \$1.5 billion, is in its 43rd year with 23 branches throughout Guam and western Micronesia. Bank of Guam has had a presence in Saipan since 1980. **(BoG)**



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Myra Macapagal, Jackie Marati, and Ben Pablo.



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Drew Chamberlain, Phayvian Bokoggo Pangelinan, Schiabe Pangelinan, Lou A, Leon Guerrero, Joe Pereira, and Joaquin P.L.G. Cook.



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Ralph Sablan, Lou A, Leon Guerrero, Joe Pereira, Shiabe Pangelinan, Martin Leon Guerrero, and Joe T. San Agustin.



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From left, Phil Roberto, Shiabe "Bok" Pangelinan, Lou A, Leon Guerrero, and Joaquin P.L.G. Cook.



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Take advantage of the cheaper oil and gas

The fall of oil and natural gas prices is a boon to U.S. consumers and the economy. Americans should enjoy the break while it lasts.

Lower prices at the gasoline pump and in utility bills puts more money in everyone's pocket, which boosts spending and the overall commerce. Considering the slow pace of America's economic recovery, the market needs all the help it can get.

The drop in the world price of oil is due to several factors related to supply and demand. One is that the demand from China, which had been strong, is now lagging, a result of its own economic slowdown. Another factor is that the big producers, including Saudi Arabia and now the United States, have not reduced production, for different reasons.

The 12-member Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, a villain in past decades, has lost much of its punch as individual producers have been unwilling to cut production to influence the world price. Chief among the cartel members is Saudi Arabia, which pushed production to record levels last month to maintain its spending on, among other things, weapons and benefits to its people. The aging monarchy faces threats from various sources, including Islamic radicalism opposed to the ruling family.

In the United States, companies drilling for oil and exploring deep gas deposits made the country a new leader in production. While slipping prices have curbed some new exploration for wells, it has not changed the fact that record U.S. oil extraction has slashed dependency on imports.

The countries that have taken a licking on the world market are smaller producers such as Iran, Iraq, the Persian Gulf states, Nigeria, Russia and Mexico. This week, Venezuela called for an emergency OPEC meeting on the plunging prices.

In the meantime, U.S. drivers, homeowners and businesses should take advantage of the situation. No one knows when prices will turn back up.



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The immigration backlog

Over the last 10 years, the workload of the federal immigration court system has increased by 146 percent to an astounding 453,948 active cases at the end of July. The average amount of time each of those cases has been pending: 627 days. Some have been lingering for years.

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The days grow short

*"Oh, it's a long, long while,
from May to December,
but the days grow short
when you reach September."*

Crooning Frank Sinatra made that line famous and familiar in 1965. Then at 50, he married 21-year-old Mia Farrow in 1966, the latter claiming that she lost her virginity to the Hoboken, New Jersey singer. They stayed married for two years in the '60s.

The first of September is seasonally the end of the summer and the beginning of autumn when the days grow short in the northern hemisphere. But May to December romances do occur. When I was 57, I Mia Farrow'd a Shanghai girl who claimed she was 21. She was that in the lunar calendar. Our age difference did get existential when going to the Thursday night market at the Paseo, she appeared to have picked herself up an elderly tourist. Girls of Sinosphere dominated the streetwalkers in Garapan at the time, after the end of the garment industry when recruiters still promised 3-year contracts for 3-month work.

"Big heart" or "first heart" was how I translated her Chinese name in my limited Pinyin but she was "all heart and some" until she decided that "five years was enough" (four, legally married) and called it quits. She was obviously a willful girl, much loved but I was cognitively clear we would part sooner or later. She decided to leave first before I was ready. No matter. The five years of May to December did lead to days growing short.

So it looks like we will slow down writing now. With the early shadows arriving September, my apartment complex takes its time to turn on the generator for the six-hour respite of power and water at night. My neighbor who works for CUC assures me that the metal poles on a ferry from Guam finally arrived and will see them shortly, replacing damaged poles on Chalan Msgr. Guerrero and Beach Roads while an equal number were flown in with repair linemen from the Marshalls, Kosrae, Pohnpei, Chuuk, Yap, and Palau, all vets known to each other by membership to an organization, to assist CUC personnel in putting up the poles.

Whether we get our whole power and water system by the end of September is a goal in a timeline, more to boost our sagging morale rather than assure our familiarity with the switch on the wall again. My own estimate on when public schools will really be operational will be October as PSS discovered that the generators in each of the schools acquired earlier were insufficient. Meanwhile, teachers are still being hired, or await the judgment on hire, while every creature and his brother awaits a FEMA dole.

I am poor and unemployed yet unaffected by Soudelor's fury but a well-meaning friend handed me a numbered application form for NAP food stamps and where to apply for food assistance from a government office. At 70, the *man'amko* look would get me the distance. The assistance is nothing to sneer at (I finally cashed a

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5-year-old rebate check from IT&E that I had framed on my wall after I received it in the mail while teaching in China) but I am sure there are more needy folks than I am.

It is this autumn of our years that beguiles our reflection, and though I am on the winter of mine, my soul is tropical; I know of wet and dry seasons. Soudelor had made it dry this time around.

I do not normally go to casinos but a couple of friends work at Club C (he is a cook and she waits on tables) and they joined us at my son's 23rd birthday; she had hers a day earlier. The place featured entertainment and food so I ignored the games (we did see a former CNMI immigration officer screaming his delight while parting with a few of his pennies) but downed the proprietor-proffered drink, brother to a friend at PSS.

The entertainment featured a former Filipina model coolly singing her heart out, and a lovely lady from Los Angeles who lives down my walkway; she passionately belted the award-winning Olympic song, *One Moment in Time* that tugged at the hearts of everyone in the audience.

Not yet a short September but between the San Miguel pale pilsen and the Mickey malt liquor, Joy and Kokoh on the mike, I was properly sauced on a late August night. It took two cups of coffee to steady my balance that let me maneuver my car sanely and safely home.

It is the sentiment of the September song that now gets us. Some flame trees display the splendor of their flowers in bloom in spite of the battering from Soudelor; the green foliage is back at verdant, and recalling the leaves of temperate zone autumns, I hum:

*When the autumn weather
turns the leaves to flame
One hasn't got time
for the waiting game
Oh, the days dwindle down
to a precious few
September, November . . .*

To be nostalgic and romantic is a province in the mind as we no longer have the luxury of holding hands with "big heart" at Paseo de Marianas, and it is clear that life is nonchalant about the logistics of power and water but the youthful sentiments of the heart stays and tugs forever, even at 70.

Our days have grown short, indeed.

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Seeing violence live is a reality for too many kids

The difference between the shooting in Virginia and every other act of gun violence is that the Internet had to see the fear on a woman's face as she realized she was about to die.

There is a regularity to violence in urban areas. On Wednesday, everyone saw what violence looks like, except the victims are usually a little younger and have darker skin. It's not often caught on video, so the reaction isn't so visceral. This is what violence feels like to people who see it happen, we can now all say, because we've all seen it happen.

Chicago alone has more than 2,000 shootings a year. Go to a crime scene and ask kids if they have seen someone shot. And the answer will be, "Well, the first time ... " What the Internet is going through right now is almost a rite of passage for kids in urban areas.

So for everyone sitting at work saying, "Man, that video messed me up," well, yeah. It should mess you up. It's a disgusting thing to watch. For everyone who says "I can't even" or "I need to disengage today," those are normal reactions to exposure to violence. Seek help if seeing people get hurt doesn't bother you.

The emotional me wants to grab people by their collars and drag them to a crime scene so they can see the ghostly faces of people who saw it happen, lingering around waiting for detectives, or the anger behind someone's eyes while they sit there staring at the body.

The logical me knows that's not right. I can't begrudge someone for being fortunate enough to have never seen or been exposed to violence.

I was stewing on all this on the train Wednesday morning. I was (and sort of still am) having a hard time with educated people from nice homes in nice neighborhoods who went to nice schools being outraged by something that is a regular occurrence. (Just that morning, someone shot into a crowd with an automatic weapon on Chicago's West Side, killing one and wounding three others.)

BACKLOG

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The reason for the enormous backlog is clear. While the government has poured money into enhancing border security—the number of border agents has nearly doubled to 21,000 in the last decade—it has failed to similarly increase the capacity of the immigration court system that hears deportation cases. According to a recent report, immigration enforcement budgets increased 300 percent from 2002 through 2013, but immigration court budgets rose only 70 percent.

The ramifications of such an overwhelmed system are wide-ranging. People who have no legal right to be in the country get lengthy reprieves simply because the judges can't get to their cases. Those with legitimate claims to asylum are left twisting in the wind. The longer a case drags out, the harder it is to verify or refute an immigrant's claim. And the judges face significant stress and burnout. They handle an average of 1,400 cases each per year, more than twice the caseload for Social Security and Veterans Affairs administrative law judges. Under such pressure, judges complain they have insufficient time to research legal points in the immigration laws, which rival tax codes for complexity.

Immigration judges are part of the Justice Department's Executive Office for Immigration Review, whose current budget includes 319 judicial positions, only 247 of which are filled (and 130 of those judges will be eligible to retire at the end of September). President Barack Obama has asked for an additional 55 "judge teams" (a judge and seven court staffers) in the upcoming budget, but advocates say that the increase would be insufficient to clear the backlog and stay ahead of the constant flow of new cases—well over 200,000 a year. Judge Dana Leigh Marks, president of the National Association of Immigration Judges, estimates it would take an additional 100 judges, a number seconded by a separate report from the American Bar Association. The bipartisan Senate immigration reform bill (which the House failed to pass two years ago) would have added 225 positions over three years.

Congress' failure to overhaul the nation's immigration system has been a long-running embarrassment. But this is one fix that should be relatively easy. Politicians, particularly Republicans, love to rail about the need to better enforce immigration law. But it takes courts and judges to do that, and without proper staffing, Congress has set up the system to fail.

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I thought to myself: I can't deal with the outrage and the hot takes and the grief, so I'm just going to leave social media for the day. I'm going to transcribe interviews and enjoy the scanners and go to an event for work tonight, maybe have a giant glass of Jameson when I get home and sleep in tomorrow.

And then this woman stepped on the train with a small child in a stroller. She was 9 months old, wore a white bonnet, a blue-and-white striped shirt and had giant brown eyes. Her eyes moved around the train, from face to face, soaking it all in. She had a sort of mischievous grin. (One that my father would call "an Eddie Haskell grin.")

She made faces at me, I'm fairly certain, so I made faces back. The woman sitting next to me was waving and seemed to derive great pleasure from seeing the child find delight in new sights and sounds. Innocence personified.

So I go back and forth. This world is broken, that it's in someone's head to film a murder and upload it to social media. But there's some good to live for, even if it's just children who haven't yet had to face the reality that everyone today is now facing.

It hurts to think, though, that this chubby-cheeked child with endless curiosity and eyes that could melt you is going to grow into a world where, yeah, seeing violence is sort of normal. And if she lives in any number of areas in Chicago, it will probably happen sooner than later. A friend, a relative, a loved one.

Kids in urban areas don't have the option to turn off social media if they don't want to see violence. They can't just say, "I'm going to

It's OK to just like something; you don't have to be passionate

There is way too much passion in our midst.

I don't mean the passion of love and romance. There's never enough of that. And not the passion of creativity, intellect and art. There's a deficit of that.

I mean the passion of commencement addresses, resumes and Twitter bios.

I mean passion as in the advice thousands of college grads hear every spring to "follow your passion." I mean the passions that people stick on their social media profiles and job applications.

If you don't have a passion these days, or you are not "obsessed" with something quirky and so uniquely "you," well, you're lame.

This is not good. It's a kind of mass-market narcissism. It's also lousy advice.

"Follow your passion," is on one level just a harmless variation of hackneyed old cliches. "This above all: to thine own self be true," Polonius said to his son, Hamlet. March to your own drummer. Do what you love, etc.

Chances are if you need to hear such counsel from others, it's useless.

But in the nomenclature of early 21st-century America individualism, the concept of passion has a special place. Passion has become an emblem of "thine own self."

If it is not prominently displayed, like a brand label, a young person is at risk of appearing uncool, uninformed, uninteresting or unemployable. A passion is an essential accessory to a well coiffed "personal brand."

Americans love brands and the easy way they sort us. In virtual America, branding demands special techniques.

One's identity on Pinterest, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram has to be curated, literally. Consciously or not, people (not just young people) groom what they show the world; they tend to pick the pictures, quips and references that make them look good.

A perfect exterior, of course, is never matched by a perfect interior, but it is easy to forget that online.

Surf around Twitter: Passionate Yogi, Passionate dancer or "Passionate Politiquette"—whatever that is.

There are at least nine Twitter accounts devoted to passion mentoring. People are passionate about artisanal soap, the perfect dill pickle, Jerry Lewis movies or the history of dental floss. One young lady is "Passionate about SEO, SEM, Social, performance mktg & analytics." Really? Whatever.

Millennials tend to say they are "obsessed" by things—selfies, micro-distillery gin, vintage argyle or cotton candy. These claims appear on resumes, usually at the bottom: "I have completed two half-marathons and am passionate about rainforests, Play-Doh sculpture and UConn hoops (Go Huskies!)."

Sometimes passions are genuine, deep and enduring. Too often

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stay off Twitter." It's real life, it's not a video on the Internet. They stay on the block. It's a relative who was shot or beaten or stabbed. Or worse, it was them.

Kids see the "Oh s---" look on someone's face right before they get shot. And the video doesn't cut off. They hear the gunfire, see the body, see the police, see how the family reacts. Soaking it all up. And we wonder why a percentage of kids end up violent or starving for adult attention when they have to internalize all that anger and grief that the Internet, collectively, felt Wednesday.

You wouldn't show the videos to your nieces and nephews. You'd go to great pains to prevent it from happening. City violence, any city, is often met with a collective "shrug."

I'm sorry everyone had to see those videos. I am. But ponder that feeling in the pit of your stomach and the effect it might have on someone half your age who doesn't get to look away.

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they are phony.

That is partly why, on a practical level, "follow your passion" is lousy career advice.

Most people don't actually have a deep and enduring passion upon which to sensibly build a vocation. Most people don't have a fixed and definite knowledge of what they want to be when they grow up, even most grown-ups. Those who do are lucky ducks.

But there is no metaphysical or biological structure that matches every human being with a specific profession, skill, career, passion or obsession. Most of us are "passionate" about different things at different stages in our lives. Many of us are only passionate about people—partners, family, children, friends—and not things.

And contrary to the modern mantra, we all are not "great at something." Becoming great at something involves drudgery, sacrifice and failure; it is not simply a matter of finding your drummer and marching. In fact, the word passion comes from the Latin word for suffer.

We of the baby boom, of the "Me Decade," of the culture of narcissism, seem to have told our children, students and kin something very different. "You are special, you can be anything you want and you get to choose."

This has created great expectations and great pressures. Having a passion has become a burden.

I have begun to hear more young people confess (and confess is the right word) that they really don't have a "passion" for any special career. This feels to them like a failure or a flaw.

In a world so full of options, it is difficult enough to choose a life path that seems sensible, that you might be good at, that might be interesting, secure, useful and even important. A passion requirement becomes another perfectionist credential, another accoutrement on a well-groomed, attractively curated, high-achieving, self-styled existential resume. It is too much.

It is OK to just like bowling; you don't have to be passionate about it.

It is great if you have a passion that matches a job and it is also great if you grab an opportunity you didn't see coming. It is OK to be passionate about people and not a career.

It is OK to dump the whole passion thing, obsessively.

The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY

Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds around 10 mph.

▲86° ▼77°

WEDNESDAY

Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.

▲87° ▼77°

THURSDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

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FRIDAY

Partly cloudy with isolated showers.

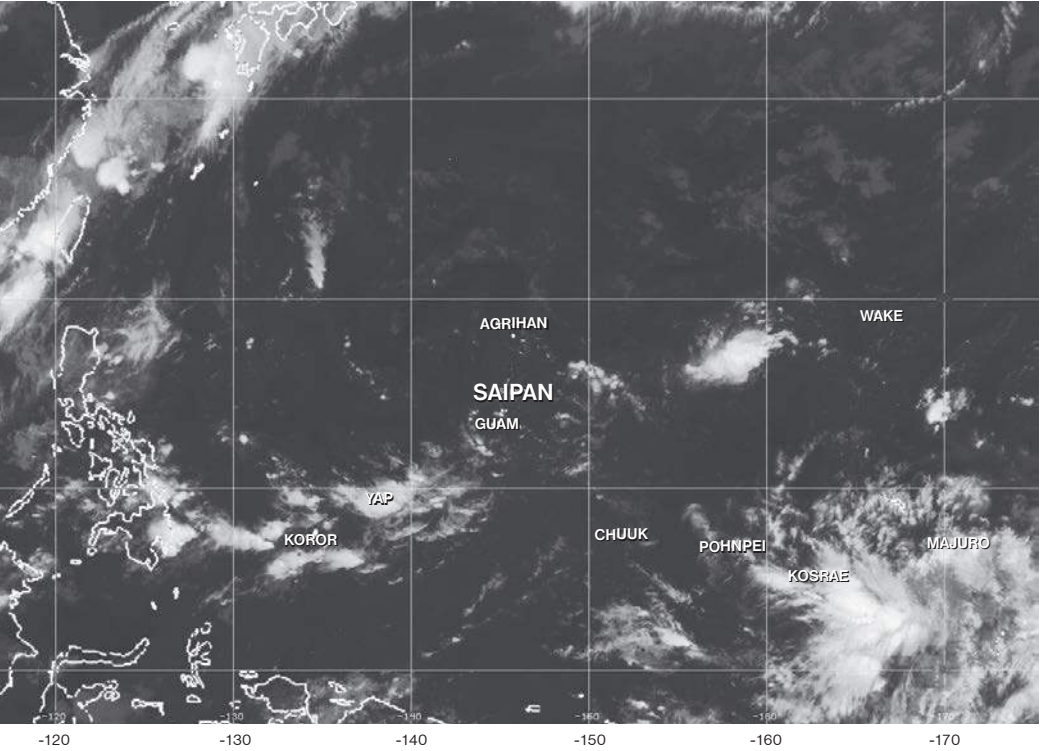
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SATURDAY

Mostly sunny with isolated showers.

▲87° ▼77°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough stretches east-southeastward from 14N130E through a weak circulation centered southwest of Guam near 11N143E to another weak circulation centered south of Majuro near 6N171E then turns eastward to beyond the date line at 6N. Low-level convergence south of the trough axis is generating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Republic of Palau and parts of Yap state within 160 miles of a line from 5N131E to 10N141E. Scattered to numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring mainly across parts of the Marshall Islands and Kosrae state between 8N and the equator from 161E to the date line. A weak disturbance west-southwest of Wake Island is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between 19N and 16N from 155E to 161E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia			
Guam And Rota	Thundershowers	▲86	▼76
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼77
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼78
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼76
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼78
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79

Around the Globe			
Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲64	▼51
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼62
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼80
Honolulu	Showers	▲90	▼79
London	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼48
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼64
Manila	Thunderstorms	▲90	▼75
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲65	▼49
Miami	Thundershowers	▲90	▼79
New York	Sunny	▲91	▼74
Osaka	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼75
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲70	▼50
Pusan	Partly Cloudy	▲82	▼69
Rome	Sunny	▲87	▼69
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼55
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲67	▼60
Seoul	Thundershowers	▲87	▼68
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	▲84	▼75
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲93	▼73

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Saipan Harbor			
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10:07 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet
4:39 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
10:41 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset		
Today	6:05 AM	6:30 PM
Wednesday	6:05 AM	6:29 PM
Thursday	6:05 AM	6:29 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:28 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:28 PM

Moonrise/Moonset		
Today	8:34 PM	8:13 AM
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UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:20pm	4:00pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	1:00pm	1:50pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:10pm	4:00pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
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SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)				PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:30pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	7C3402	8:45am	2:15pm	3, 5, 6
OZ6063	2:25am	6:00am	3, 4, 6	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
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Vehicles from the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit are unloaded from the well deck of the amphibious dock landing ship USS *Ashland* (LSD 48) via Landing Craft Utility vehicle during disaster relief efforts on Saipan after Typhoon Soudelor made landfall. *Ashland* is assigned to the Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group and is on patrol in the U.S. 7th Fleet area of operations.

U.S. NAVY/MC3 DAVID A. COX

Disaster relief mission showcases DoD preparedness and teamwork

By WILLIAM SELBY
DOD NEWS, DEFENSE MEDIA ACTIVITY

In the 10 years since Hurricane Katrina struck—one of the most devastating natural disasters in U.S. history—the Defense Department and its partners have been working hard to use the knowledge and experience gained in that terrible event to help in other disaster-stricken areas.

The Defense Department, coordinating with the Federal Emergency Management Agency, recently completed its largest-ever relief mission after Typhoon Soudelor plowed through Saipan, the most populated island in the Northern Mariana Islands, Aug. 2-3 and left more than 50,000 people without electricity or water. In a joint effort, the DoD and its assets moved quickly to assist with disaster relief mission, ensuring the islanders in the region had water and food until they were self-sustaining.

Navy Rear Adm. Babette “Bette” Bolivar, the defense coordinating officer for the disaster relief mission, discussed the joint effort, strengthening our relationship with the Northern Mariana Islands and what we can do to stay prepared for natural disasters.

During the mission, the Guam National Guard, Army, Air Force, Marines, Navy, Coast Guard and FEMA all worked with the Northern Mariana Islands government, showcasing their ability to work together and complement each other as a joint force.

“It brought to light the synergy between the services and the ability to have that teamwork to accomplish the mission,” Bolivar said.

Approximately 600 Marines and sailors assigned to the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and based aboard the USS *Ashland* delivered food and water, while also clearing debris from schools.

Airmen from the 36th Contingency Response Group stationed at Andersen Air Force Base in Guam assisted with unloading relief supplies at

Saipan International Airport.

The Army Corps of Engineers and Coast Guard also contributed to cleanup and relief efforts, Bolivar said.

Bolivar also stressed the importance of being prepared, especially if you live in an area that is frequently in the path of hurricanes, tropical storms or other natural disasters.

“We foot-stomped the message to our families to ensure they have a home disaster preparedness kit. It may take the disaster response teams some time to get there so it’s important to have that kit,” she said. Kits should include items such as flashlights, water, and canned food, she said. More information about disaster preparation, including information specifically for military families, can be found at <http://www.ready.gov>.

With Typhoon Soudelor happening nearly 10 years after Katrina, Bolivar said the lessons learned from that event have a residual effect on how DoD now operates during a natural disaster.

“I remember that after Katrina there was a big push with military leaders to become well-versed in what the process was with FEMA,” she said. “I would say that since Katrina there is more awareness and more training. In terms of the coordination process, I believe the understanding of that helped us ensure that the partnership between the government of [the Northern Mariana Islands], FEMA and the DoD was spot-on.”

Bolivar said that while the typhoon itself was unfortunate, the relief efforts strengthened our relationship in the region and with the Northern Mariana Islanders.

“We already had a great relationship with Saipan. This event swayed the public and won the hearts and minds of the people of Saipan,” she said. “They were so grateful. When we had our teams out there, they would bring them food as a way of saying thanks. It was an unfortunate event but it strengthened our relationship with Saipan.”



1st Anniversary of Eternal Life

We the family of the late

†Abel Vincenzo Olopai Pellegrino

Invite our family and friends to join us in prayer as we commemorate †Abel's first anniversary of eternal life. Mass will be offered daily beginning September 1, 2015 and ending on September 9, 2015 at Kristo Rai Church.

Mass Schedule is as follows:

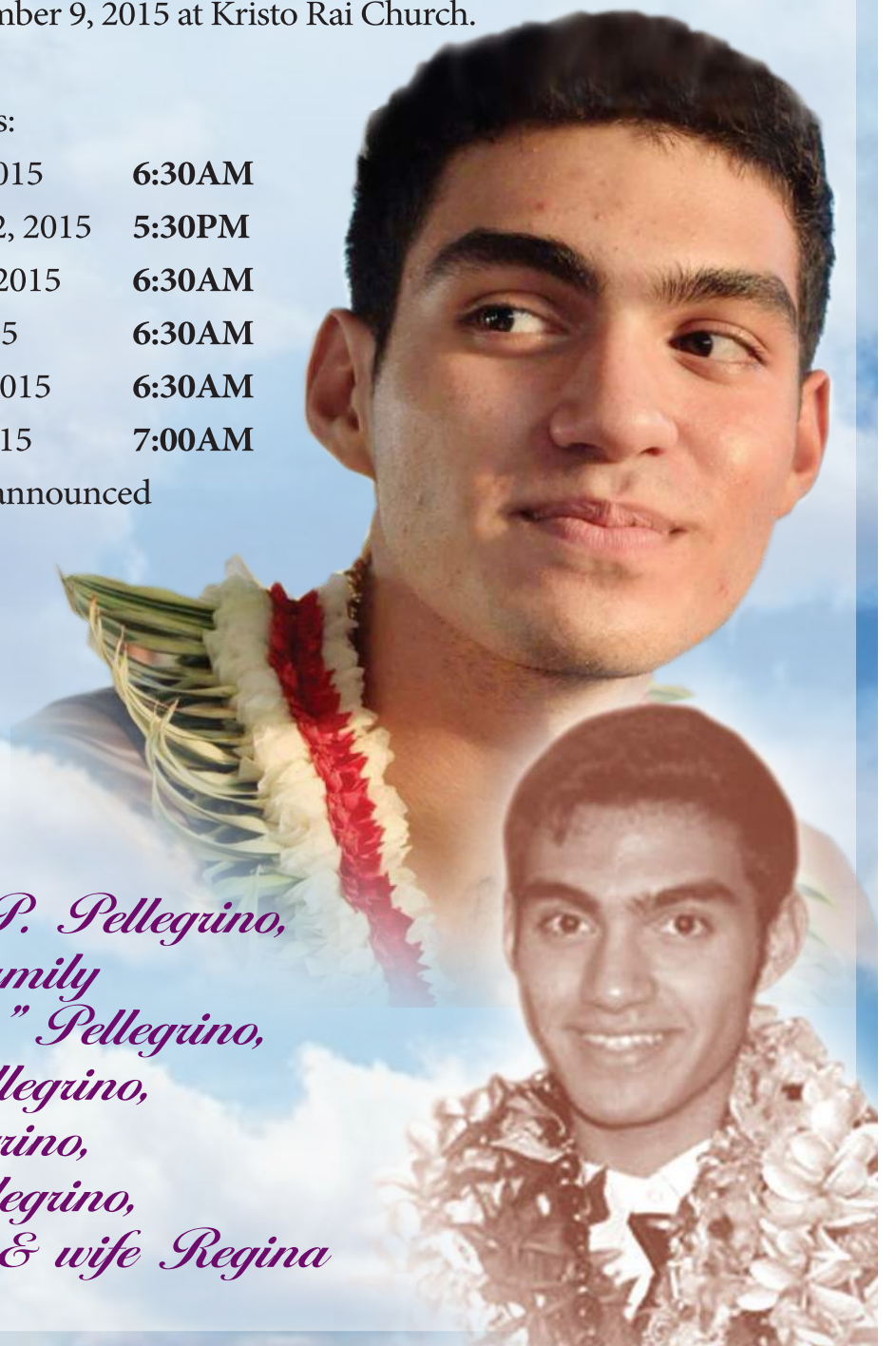
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- Wednesday, September 2, 2015 **5:30PM**
- Thursday, September 3, 2015 **6:30AM**
- Friday, September 4, 2015 **6:30AM**
- Saturday, September 5, 2015 **6:30AM**
- Sunday, September 6, 2015 **7:00AM**

(Other schedule will be announced at a later date)

Your prayers, thoughts and presence are greatly appreciated. Thank you.

From:

*Mrs. Milagros P. Pellegrino,
Children and Family
Margaret “Miki” Pellegrino,
Neil Charles Pellegrino,
Julian C. Pellegrino,
Punella C. Pellegrino,
nephew Andrew & wife Regina*



Proposed plea deal for ex-Rota official found too lenient

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**
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REPORTER

Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho has found too lenient a proposed plea agreement that recommends a sentence of a mere \$50 fine and no prison term for former Rota Department of Community and Cultural Affairs resident director Josepha Barcinas Manglona.

"This plea agreement is so lenient by analogy the court can only characterize the terms as having a bark of a Chihuahua but lacks the bite of a Rottweiler," said Camacho in rejecting the proposed plea deal entered by Manglona and white collar/public corruption prosecutor

Matthew Baisley.

Camacho noted that Manglona is facing five charges and a possible consecutive sentence of 12 years and six months.

The judge said the jury trial on Rota on Oct. 13, 2015, shall proceed.

Camacho said the parties may submit another proposed plea agreement.

"Notwithstanding the court's rejection of this plea agreement, the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law," Camacho added.

The Office of the Attorney General charged the 53-year-old Manglona with conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition, theft by unlaw-

ful taking or disposition, two counts of misconduct in public office, and a count of removal of government property.

Members of the CNMI Public Corruption and White Collar Crimes Task Force arrested then-DCCA resident director Manglona

on Rota last April 16 on charges that stemmed from April 13, 2013, when, as then-director of Aging Center, she took a \$1,000 pool table from the center and traded it with Leo Mereb in exchange for concrete hollow blocks to build

her kitchen.

Manglona and her lawyer, Timothy Bellas, signed a plea deal with the government. Under the proposed deal, Manglona would plead guilty to removal of government property.

The deal recommends only that Manglona pay a \$50 fine, no jail time, and that her record would be wiped of any criminal record.

Camacho said plea deal fails to address any of the four goals of sentencing: rehabilitation, deterrence, retribution, and incapacitation.

Considering that Manglona al-

legedly used her position as then-Rota director of Aging to enrich herself, a \$50 fine has no rehabilitative effect, Camacho said.

A \$50 fine, the judge pointed out, also fails to have any deterrence or retribution effect.

Camacho said imposing no jail time also has no rehabilitative, deterrence, retribution, or incapacitation effect.

He said the proposed plea agreement is pursuant to 6 CMC 4113, which means that the defendant's criminal record will be wiped clean.

"The jail sentence and other terms under the proposed plea agreement fail to conform to the standards of this court and the CNMI community," he said.

It is alleged that at the time of the offenses, Manglona was the director of Office of Aging, which provides services to the CNMI's elderly.

The allegations are that Manglona used her position to enrich herself by trading a publicly owned property (pool table) in exchange for hollow blocks to build her house.

The pool table was being used at the senior citizen center (Aging Center).

Camacho said the Legislature has mandated and recognized that the elderly are a special group deserving respect and protection.

"This court is duty bound to follow that mandate," Camacho said.

CUC to expand water hours

Acting Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director John Riegel says they will be announcing today extended water service hours in the island's villages.

Riegel said once the hours are figured out they will be announced.

"We are expanding our water hours. We have water in all villages," with some spots in outlying areas without water, Riegel said.

"We were hunting for those [spots] today and will continue tomorrow," he added.

CUC has 145 wells. Only

56—or a third of them—were running as of last Friday.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has been working with CUC on energizing water pumps, installing generators strategically across island.

Meantime, CUC continues to work on the island feeders and are awaiting the arrival of more power poles and materials.

"We are continuing to run the feeders out," Riegel said.

The number of feeders energized remains the same as last week. These are Feeders 1, 3, and 4. **(Dennis B. Chan)**

Efforts to revive the Russian market still on shaky ground

By **JAYSON CAMACHO**
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REPORTER

With just three primary tourist markets—Japan, Korea, and China—the Marianas Visitors Authority is trying to get its Russia tourist market back on its feet but the prognosis is still untenable.

While charter flights have always been a problem, "there are no immediate prospects for new charter flights out of the Russia market given the current market instability," said MVA managing director Perry Tenorio.

Japanese tour operator H.I.S. had announced in November last year that it will commence charter flights to the CNMI from Far East Russia beginning February this year but nothing came out of it.

During MVA's board meeting in July, Tatiana Babauta, MVA's marketing specialist for Russia, told board members that H.I.S. is not giving up on charter flights from the former Soviet Union and is just waiting for the end of summer.

Another problem in securing seats for the Russian market is competition from the growing Chinese tourist market, both of which competed for bookings with Asiana Airlines.

"We continue to focus our efforts with Asiana Airlines on one-stop promotions from East

Russia via Seoul and on to the CNMI," Tenorio said.

Right now, MVA has an incentive program in place to help the Russian market grow.

Elly Stoilova, who chairs the Russia Ad Hoc Committee, said the program provides a strong monetary incentive for Russian travel agents to increase the number of visitor arrivals from Russia to the CNMI and to encourage agents to promote and sell the CNMI as a destination.

The budget amount for this incentive program is \$52,000. Some \$50,000 comes from the Russia Ad Hoc Committee budget and the remaining \$2,000 comes from the MVA local Russia budget.

The incentive program started on May 1, 2015, and the maximum number of bookings supported is 1,000. Travel agents would receive \$50 per room booked for a minimum reservation of seven nights per room. Booking must be prepaid and any travel agency can participate.

However, only MVA member hotels can participate in the program.

The program will last until the end of the fiscal year or 1,000 bookings made, whichever comes first. Also, as an additional incentive, the travel agent that books the most reservations will receive a \$1,000 cash incentive.



DRESSING 'EM UP

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. dresses concrete poles at their Chalan Kiya Substation. The first 90 poles out of a batch of 200 concrete power poles arrived last Saturday after a week's delay due to poor weather conditions to aid in power restoration efforts on island.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Next NMC info session on Thursday

Northern Marianas College has scheduled its next info session for Thursday, Sept. 3, 2015, at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort (Caladium Hall) at 5pm for ongoing students and 6pm for new/prospective students. Last Saturday's info session, which was held at the Pacific Islands Club, drew more than 200 students.

The session aims to give students an opportunity to learn more about NMC's typhoon recovery efforts as well as planned adjustments for the upcoming fall 2015 semester, up-

dates to the registration process, and other important enrollment information.

Representatives from the college's counseling, financial aid, and admissions offices will be on hand to provide helpful information and answer questions. College representatives will also discuss financial aid opportunities and other initiatives.

The deadline for submitting admission applications for the fall 2015 semester is on Sept. 8, 2015. The first day of classes is scheduled for Sept. 28, 2015.

Other relevant fall 2015 dates have been posted to www.marianas.edu.

Those who attend the information session will qualify to have their application fee and their placement test fees waived for NMC's upcoming fall 2015 semester. This represents a savings of up to \$75.

NMC offers several degree and certificate programs, including a bachelor of science degree in education (emphasis on elementary education, early childhood education, special education, or rehabilitation

and human services), bachelor of science degree in business management (new); associate degrees business administration (emphasis on accounting, business management, or computer applications), liberal arts, nursing, natural resources management, criminal justice, and hospitality management. Moreover, it offers short-term certificate programs in different vocational, academic, and professional areas.

For more information about the information session and/or applying to NMC, contact (670) 234-5484, email oar@marianas.edu or visit www.marianas.edu. **(NMC)**

Businesswoman of the Year to be announced at gala

MAITE, Guam—The 2015 First Hawaiian Bank and *Guam Business Magazine* Businesswoman of the Year *Maga'hāga* award recipient will be announced at approximately 9:30pm on Sunday, Sept. 6, at the 10th Annual Businesswoman of the Year Gala at the Hyatt Regency Guam.

The 2015 nominees are:

■ Edith V. Alvarez, general manager, Patterson Enterprises, Inc.

■ Joann G. Camacho, director of market development, DFS Guam

■ Grace C. Donaldson, general manager, Pacific Human Resource Services, Inc.

■ Kristine R. Lujan, marketing director, Triple J Enterprises

■ Josephine DLG Mesta, director of human resources, Hyatt Regency Saipan

■ Sandra H. McKeever, president, Asia Pacific Financial Management Group

■ Rosario "Chet" B. Neri, international sales manager, Leo Palace Resort Guam

■ Chen-yi "Jenny" Yang, owner and managing director, Globest LLC, which does business as GNC

The *Guam Business Magazine* September–October issue, featuring a commissioned photo of the winner on its cover, will be released in conjunction with the announcement of the winner.

The award program recog-

nizes businesswomen in Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands who have made significant contributions to their industries and have demonstrated a strong commitment to their community. Through proceeds from the gala, the program also funds scholarships for students pursuing business and related degrees at the University of Guam, Guam Community College, and Northern Marianas College. **(PR)**

Life & Style

Kanye rants at VMAs, Miley Cyrus flashes breast

By MESFIN FEKADU
AP MUSIC WRITER

Taylor Swift won video of the year, Miley Cyrus briefly flashed one of her breasts and Kanye West ranted at the MTV Video Music Awards.

After Swift won the top prize for "Bad Blood," Cyrus was backstage speaking and hiding behind a curtain, but one of her breasts appeared onscreen before the camera cut away. MTV said the clip will be removed from all future broadcasts.

Cyrus closed the show at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles with a performance, which started with the line: "Yeah, I spoke pot."

She's not the only one: West, who said he got high before going onstage on Sunday, gave a rambling speech as he apologized to Taylor Swift for taking her microphone in 2009, admitting "I don't understand awards shows," bashing MTV, and claiming he would run for president in 2020.

Swift presented West with the Michael Jackson Video Vanguard Award on Sunday night at the Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles.

"This arena tomorrow is gonna be a completely different setup, this stage will be gone. After that night, the stage was gone, but the affect that it had on people remained," West said of running onstage during Swift's speech at the 2009 VMAs. "The problem was the contradiction. The contradiction is I do fight for artists, but in that fight I somehow was disrespectful to artists. I didn't know how to say the right thing, the perfect thing."

It was just one of the dramatic moments at the awards show. Nicki Minaj called Miley Cyrus



out at the MTV Video Music Awards after the 22-year-old rapper said in an interview that the rapper was being a poor sport about not receiving a nomination for video of the year.

After collecting best hip-hop video for "Anaconda" on Sunday, Minaj told the audience: "And now back to this b---- that had a lot to say about me a lot in the press. Miley, what's good?"

Minaj's microphone was cut off, and Cyrus fired back with "we all know how they manipulate" words during interviews, referencing a pre-VMAs interview in the New York Times. Cyrus then stumbled over her words as she tried to read from cue cards about voting for the artist to watch award.

"I lost this award in 2008 and I was fine with it. Whatever! Because it's no big deal. It's just an award and I persevered," she yelled, appearing to look over at Minaj.

She ended with: "Congratulations Nicki."

In the recent interview, Cyrus criticized Minaj for her "pop star war" with Swift that began in July. On the show, however, that "war" appeared to be over, with Swift joining the rapper during her performance of the "The Night Is Still Young." Both in red, Swift performed some of her hit, "Bad Blood," and the two closed with a hug.

The beef began in July when the nominations were announced and Minaj, who had one of the most viewed videos of the year with "Anaconda," was not up for video of the year. She tweeted that slim women easily earn top nominations and said black female entertainers don't get enough credit for their influence on pop culture. Swift, the top nominee with 10 nods, thought the rapper was referring to her and they traded words online, but later apologized.

Swift's wins included best female video and pop video for "Blank Space" and video of the year for "Bad Blood."

Taylor Swift accepts the award for female video of the year for "Blank Space" at the MTV Video Music Awards at the Microsoft Theater on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015, in Los Angeles.

"I know there's been a lot of discussion about this video and what it means, but I'm just happy that in 2015 we live in a world where boys can play princesses and girls can play soldiers," she said onstage after winning the top prize.

Justin Bieber returned to the big stage with slick dance moves to his hit "Where Are U Now" and new single, "What Do You Mean." He was emotional by the end of the performance and cried onstage.

Tori Kelly was a vocal pow-

erhouse during her performance of "Should've Been Us," ending in a cappella to a rousing applause. The Weeknd's smoky performance of "Can't Feel My Face" was energetic and smooth, and even West, Swift and Selena Gomez got out of the chairs to dance to the upbeat track. And Demi Lovato brought a sexy vibe when she sang her anthemic "Cool for the Summer" outdoors with background dancers wearing bright colors that added to the song's summer-feel.

Cyrus hosted the VMAs two years after she stole the show with a risqué, but memorable performance with Robin Thicke, and a year after winning the top prize for "Wrecking Ball." She took a selfie with people in the audience and asked them to yell: "Marijuana."

Horror master Wes Craven dies at 76

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Wes Craven, the prolific writer-director who thrilled audiences with iconic and bloody suburban slashers like "Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Scream" that made his name synonymous with horror, has died. He was 76.

In a statement, Craven's family said that he died in his Los Angeles home Sunday, surrounded by family, after battling brain cancer.

A prolific writer, director and editor, Craven is credited with reinventing the teen horror genre with the 1984 release of "A Nightmare on Elm Street" starring a then-unknown Johnny Depp. The movie and its indelible, razor-fingered villain Freddy Krueger (played by Robert Englund) led to several sequels, as did his 1996 success,

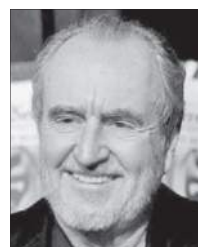
"Scream."

Besides his work in horror films, Craven also directed the drama "Music of the Heart," which earned Meryl Streep an Oscar nomination.

But Craven's name will always be synonymous with graphic horror.

"Horror films don't create fear," Craven said. "They release it."

Wesley Earl "Wes" Craven was born in Cleveland, Ohio, on Aug. 2, 1939. Though he earned a Master's Degree in philosophy and writing from John Hopkins University and briefly taught as a college professor in Pennsylvania and New York, his start in movies was in pornography, where he worked under a pseudonym.



Craven's feature debut under his own name was 1972's "The Last House on the Left," a horror film about teenage girls abducted by thugs and taken into the woods. Made for just \$87,000, the film, though graphic enough to be censored in many countries, was a hit. Roger Ebert said it was "about four times as good as you'd expect."

"Nightmare on Elm Street," however, catapulted him to far greater renown in 1984. The Ohio-set film about teenagers who are stalked in their dreams, which Craven wrote and directed, spawned a never-ending franchise that has carried on until, most recently, a 2010 remake.

Woman becoming nun needs friend's interest, not concern

DEAR ABBY: I was best friends with "Joanne" after we met in middle school. She comes from a conservative Christian family and has three successful siblings. This has made her quirky, media-driven pursuits and city life a disappointment to her family. When we were teens and she learned that I was a straight ally for gay rights, she came out to me as a lesbian, but for years only I and a few close friends knew.

Once she was an adult and her family found out, they practically disowned her and made their disapproval and "shame" very clear. Unfortunately, due to some family problems of my own, I moved away, and we communicated only periodically for the last couple of years until recently. I was shocked when she informed me that she is going to become a nun.

Abby, I have no problem with her faith (I attend an LGBT-friendly church), but I'm afraid Joanne is doing it for all the wrong reasons. For the 15 years I have known her, she has been an open-minded, culture-loving social butterfly, and she doesn't seem to have changed much personality-wise. Naturally, her family is thrilled with her decision because it means she will never date another woman or be a part of "that lifestyle."

I know Joanne is an adult and these choices are hers to make, but I'm afraid she is being guilted into a life she will ultimately regret.

How do I express my concerns to her without being offensive?

KATHY IN NEW YORK

DEAR KATHY: Before you "express your concerns," I think you should have enough respect for your friend's intelligence to ask her what has prompted this life-changing decision, and what it will entail.

Will she be joining an order that wears a habit? (Not all nuns do anymore.) Will she be taking a vow of silence and shutting herself off from the world for a life of prayer and contemplation, or will she be working to help underprivileged communities? Does she plan to remain in the United States, or join an order like Mother Teresa's in some other country?

If you show an interest rather than "concern," I'm sure she will be glad to answer any questions you may have without becoming offended.

DEAR ABBY: I have recently been invited to my sister's baby shower. The problem is I am a man. My mother and sister think I am sexist for not wanting to go. I always thought this kind of thing was a women's event. Are my mother and sister right? Am I being sexist?

NATHAN IN INDIANA

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

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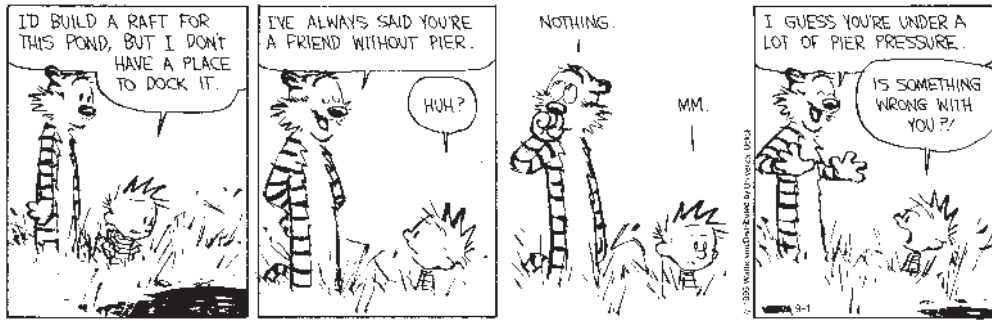
DEAR NATHAN: You're not necessarily sexist, but you are behind the times. Baby showers are no longer solely women's events. In fact, because men are so much more actively involved in their little ones' care than they used to be, it is becoming common for the showers to be co-ed affairs. (They're called "Jack and Jill" showers.) I hope you won't skip the celebration because I think you'd enjoy it.

Abby shares more than 100 of her favorite recipes in two booklets: "Abby's Favorite Recipes" and "More Favorite Recipes by Dear Abby." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$14 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet Set, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

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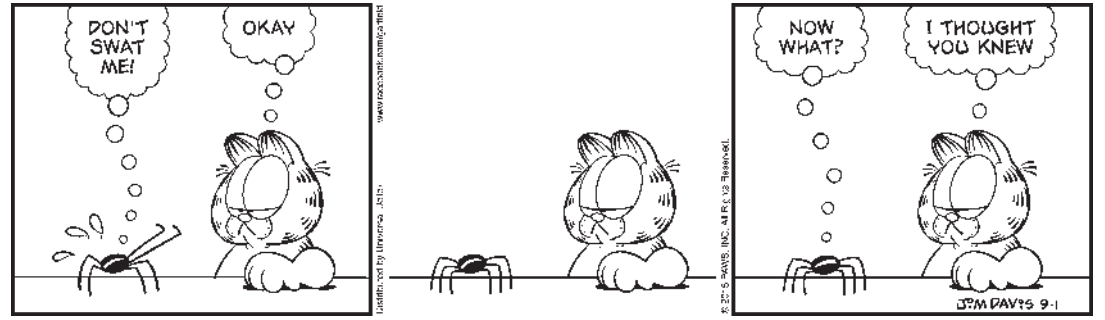
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By Bill Waterson



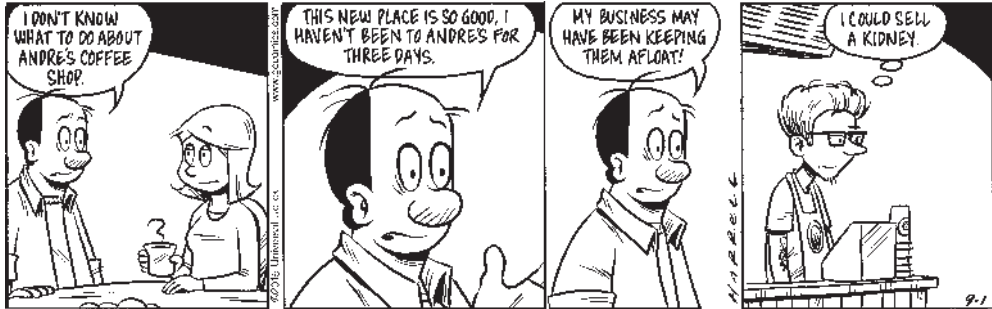
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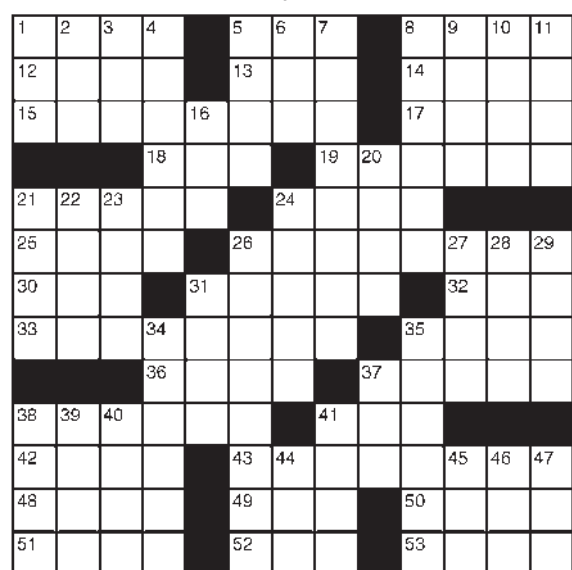
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Yesterday's answer 9-1



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For answers to today's crossword, call 1-900-226-5955! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Gloria Estefan, 58; Phil McGraw, 65; Barry Gibb, 69; Lily Tomlin, 76.

Happy Birthday: Prepare to implement changes. Recognize what you want to accomplish and envision how you are going to reach your goal. A moneymaking opportunity will arise if you hone a skill or develop a service based on something you enjoy doing. Let your creative imagination lead to financial freedom. It's up to you to make things happen. Your numbers are 4, 7, 13, 21, 26, 38, 45.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Plan out your day and you will achieve what you set out to do. Take care of unfinished business and set aside time for conversing and relaxing with someone you love to be around. Strive to be your best. ★★★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Avoid being enticed into a secret affair or hiding information that puts you in an awkward position. Concentrate more on broadening your outlook and sharing skills and information with others. New beginnings will be positive and enlightening. ★★★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Step up to the podium and voice your opinion. Greater involvement in a group that supports a cause you believe in will enable you to make a difference. Romantic opportunities will surface if you are open about your expectations. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't be bothered by what others do. Explore creative hobbies or check out something unfamiliar to you. Gaining knowledge will make you better equipped to take on any challenges or

competitors you face. Plan an exciting day trip or vacation. ★★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't wait around when you should be making alterations that will improve your life, your position and your reputation. Offer your ideas to influential people and you will get the backing you need. Money will come from an unusual source. ★★★★★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Let your intuition take over and you will make the right choices. Negotiate smartly by looking over any fine print that can affect your earning potential down the road. Don't limit what you can accomplish by settling for less now. ★★★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do something physical. Participate in an event that will allow you to get to know your peers better. A positive change is apparent if you update your image and strive to maintain a happy attitude. ★★

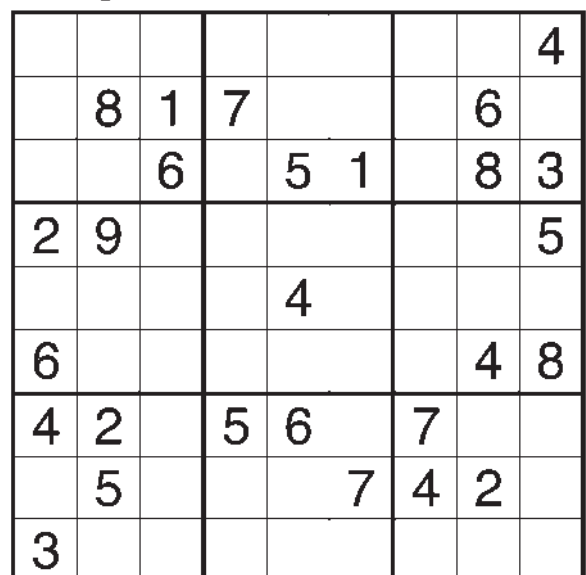
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Work hard, but be mindful of someone who is feeling neglected. Including the people around you in whatever you do will inspire and motivate them to pitch in and help. Opportunities are apparent. Send out your resume or negotiate a deal. ★★★

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By Dave Green

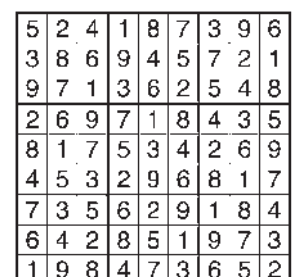


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After coming so close, Arrieta notches his 1st no-hitter



LOS ANGELES (AP)—
Jake Arrieta

pitched the sixth no-hitter in the major leagues this season and second against the Los Angeles Dodgers in 10 days, leading the Chicago Cubs to a 2-0 victory Sunday night.

Arrieta (17-6) struck out a season-high 12 and became the first 17-game winner in the big leagues by throwing baseball's third no-hitter in less than three weeks.

Astros right-hander Mike Fiers blanked the NL West leaders 3-0 on Aug. 21 in Houston. Never before had Los Angeles been no-hit twice in one season.

Arrieta got the benefit of a close call for the official scorer in the third inning, when Kike Hernandez reached on a fielding error by second baseman Starlin Castro.

With the crowd roaring, Arrieta struck out all three batters in the ninth: Justin Turner, Jimmy Rollins and Chase Utley. Those were the same three hitters—in a different order—that Fiers retired to finish his gem.

Arrieta tossed the 14th no-hitter in team history and became the first Cubs pitcher to throw one since Carlos Zambrano on Sept. 14, 2008, against Houston in a game that was moved to Miller Park in Milwaukee because of Hurricane Ike.

Arrieta finished 6-0 with a 0.43 ERA in August.

Kris Bryant hit a two-run homer in the first inning off Alex Wood (9-9). The Cubs had 13 hits and snapped the Dodgers' five-game winning streak.

Blue Jays 9, Tigers 2

In Toronto, Edwin Encarnacion homered for the fourth time in two days and Josh Donaldson also connected as Toronto beat struggling Detroit to complete a three-game sweep.

Russell Martin and Kevin Pillar each hit a two-run shot for Toronto, which leads the majors with 184 home runs. The AL East leaders had their second straight four-homer game and sixth of the season.

Encarnacion hit three home runs and matched a Blue Jays record with nine RBIs in Saturday's 15-1 rout. His latest drive extended his hitting streak to 25 games, the longest in the majors since a 28-game run by Colorado's Nolan Arenado in 2014.

The home run was Encarnacion's 30th of the season, 11 in August. He has a major league-leading 35 RBIs this month, breaking the club record he shared with Carlos Delgado, who had 34 in June 2003.

Encarnacion has at least one extra-base hit and one RBI in eight consecutive games.

Mark Buehrle (14-6) allowed two runs in six-plus innings as the Blue Jays improved to 21-5



AP
Chicago Cubs starting pitcher Jake Arrieta is congratulated by his wife Brittany and son Cooper after completing a no-hitter in a baseball game against the Los Angeles Dodgers, Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015, in Los Angeles.

from the game.

Rays 3, Royals 2

In St. Petersburg, Florida, Brandon Guyer and Kevin Kiermaier homered, as the Tampa Bay bullpen held Kansas City to one hit over five innings.

Kiermaier's sixth-inning homer off Luke Hochevar (1-1) broke a 2-all tie. It was Kiermaier's second homer in two games and sixth of the season.

Xavier Cedeno (3-1) got the win in relief while Brad Boxberger pitched the ninth for his 32nd save.

Four of Kansas City's seven hits came during a two-run third that included RBIs by Ben Zobrist and Lorenzo Cain.

Twins 7, Astros 5

In Minneapolis, Ervin Santana struck out 10 to earn his first home win, Eduardo Nunez and Miguel Sano homered as the Twins withstood a ninth-inning rally to beat the Astros.

Down 7-0 in the ninth, Chris Carter hit a three-run homer and Jose Altuve cracked a two-run shot that made it 7-5 before Trevor May struck out Marwin Gonzalez to end the game.

It was Santana's 15th career game with double-digit strikeouts. He entered Sunday 0-1 with a 9.77 ERA in three starts at Target Field since returning from an 80-game suspension to start the season.

Lance McCullers (5-5) settled down after walking three of the first four batters he faced to begin the game before Nunez hit a 3-2 pitch off the upper deck in left-center field to make it 3-0 in the sixth.

Indians 9, Angels 2

In Cleveland, Abraham Almonte hit his first career grand slam and Josh Tomlin worked into the eighth inning, leading Cleveland over the slumping Los Angeles Angels.

Almonte's fifth-inning homer off Jered Weaver broke open a close game and sent the Indians to their fifth straight win.

Weaver (6-10) didn't get much help from his defense. Center fielder Mike Trout and right fielder Kole Calhoun lost catchable fly balls in the sun, leading to five Cleveland runs.

White Sox 6, Mariners 5, 11 innings

In Chicago, White Sox rookie Tyler Saladino drove in the winning run with a single in the 11th inning as Chicago rallied to beat Seattle.

Alexei Ramirez singled and Tyler Flower walked to start the rally before Ramirez advanced

to third on Carlos Sanchez's flyout and scored on Saladino's hit off David Rollins (0-1).

David Robertson (6-3) struck out three in two innings for the victory as the teams split the four-game series.

The White Sox tied the game in the ninth on shortstop Brad Miller's throwing error to first on pinch hitter Sanchez's grounder. Trayce Thompson scored after he singled off Carson Smith and stole second.

Brewers 4, Reds 1

In Milwaukee, Ryan Braun homered and Wily Peralta pitched seven strong innings to help Milwaukee beat Cincinnati.

Peralta (5-8) held the Reds to one run and seven hits in a battle of teams fighting to stay out of the National League Central cellar. Peralta struck out six and didn't issue a walk.

Braun's two-out solo home run in the first off Reds' starter John Lamb (0-3) gave the Brewers the early lead.

The Reds tied the score in the second when a soft chopper by Brayan Pena got past Milwaukee's drawn in infield.

Milwaukee grabbed the lead again in the third on Jonathan Lucroy's run-scoring single. The Brewers extended their lead in the eighth. Jean Segura drove in a run with a triple then scored on Lucroy's sacrifice fly.

Athletics 7, Diamondbacks 4, 11 innings

In Phoenix, Marcus Semien's two-run single with the bases loaded and two outs in the 11th inning lifted Oakland over Arizona.

Semien's big hit came after singles by Danny Valencia and Stephen Vogt, who homered earlier. Josh Phegley was hit by a pitch from Brad Ziegler (1-1) to load the bases.

Eric Sogard singled in a run off A.J. Schugel to complete the scoring. Switch-pitcher Pat Venditte (1-2) earned his first major league win with two innings of scoreless relief.

David Peralta hit his 14th homer for the Diamondbacks and a sacrifice fly that forced extra innings.

Padres 9, Phillies 4

In Philadelphia, James Shields pitched seven innings for his first road win since May as San Diego hit three homers in a victory over Philadelphia.

Shields (10-6) allowed one run and six hits with eight strikeouts and one walk. The right-hander was 0-4 with a 5.63 ERA in his previous eight road starts since his last win away from Petco Park on May 24.

Matt Kemp, Justin Upton and Yangervis Solarte went deep for San Diego, which avoided losing all six games versus the Phillies this season.

in August, matching the team record for wins in a month. Toronto went 21-9 in May 2014.

Yankees 20, Braves 6

In Atlanta, Jacoby Ellsbury hit a three-run homer, and Chase Headley and Stephen Drew each added a two-run shot as New York routed Atlanta to finish a three-game sweep.

All three homers, which helped build an 8-2 lead, came with two outs. Headley and Drew, who had four hits, both drove in four runs.

After the Braves cut the lead to 8-5, pinch-hitter Alex Rodriguez drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the Yankees' nine-run seventh inning.

The U.S. flag at Turner Field flew at half-staff and a moment of silence was observed before the game in memory of Gregory K. Murrey.

Murrey, a Braves season-ticket holder, died after falling from the upper deck to the lower-level seats on Saturday night. He was 60. The Braves displayed a photo of Murrey on the video board during the moment of silence.

Despite the sweep, the Yankees gained no ground on first-place Toronto, which leads New York by 1 1/2 games.

Cardinals 7, Giants 5

In San Francisco, Matt Carpenter, Brandon Moss and Mark Reynolds homered and Yadier Molina drove in two runs as St. Louis beat San Francisco.

Jason Heyward added three hits and drove in a run for the Cardinals, who won for the seventh time in eight games. Greg Garcia also drove in a run.

Jaime Garcia (7-4) allowed season highs in hits (10) and runs (four) but was effective enough to improve to 4-0 over his past six starts. He did not walk a batter and struck out one, a season low.

Marlon Byrd celebrated his 38th birthday with a pair of doubles, a triple and four RBIs. Kelby Tomlinson also drove in a run for the Giants, who ended a 3-3 homestand.

Chris Heston (11-8) gave up five runs in 3 2-3 innings.

Mets 5, Red Sox 4

In New York, Michael Cuddyer hit a tiebreaking single in the seventh inning as the NL East-leading Mets stopped their five-game home losing streak, avert-ing a sweep by Boston.

Cuddyer kept up his three-week surge since coming off the disabled list, going 3 for 3 with a walk. His go-ahead hit came after Daniel Murphy stole second base with two outs.

Boston slugger David Ortiz lined his 494th home run, moving past Lou Gehrig and Fred McGriff for 27th place on the career list.

Tyler Clippard (2-0) got four outs for the win. Jeurys Familia struck out Mookie Betts with runners at the corners to close out his 35th save in 40 chances.

Before the game, the Mets completed their trade to get reliever Addison Reed from Arizona.

Robbie Ross Jr. (0-2) took the loss.

Nationals 7, Marlins 4

In Washington, Jayson Werth homered and drove in three runs, and Clint Robinson added a pinch-hit homer as Washington had 13 hits and rallied past Miami.

Michael Taylor added two singles and scored twice for Washington, which got hits from all eight position players.

Doug Fister (5-7) pitched two scoreless innings in relief of Stephen Strasburg for the win.

Strasburg was lifted after throwing 60 pitches in four innings with upper back tight-

ness. He gave up four runs on seven hits.

Miami starter Brad Hand (4-4) allowed five runs on eight hits over 4 2-3 innings.

Rangers 6, Orioles 0

In Arlington, Texas, Derek Holland struck out every Baltimore batter while throwing a three-hitter for his eighth career shut-out, leading Texas to a three-game sweep.

Holland (2-1), in his third start since coming off the disabled list, matched a career high with 11 strikeouts. He walked none and hit a batter with a pitch. The left-hander struck out each of the Orioles' nine starters at least once, getting Adam Jones and Chris Davis twice.

At 68-61, the Rangers are seven games over .500 for the first time since the end of the 2013 season. Their 68 wins are already one more than all of last year.

The Orioles have lost 10 of 11, falling 5 1/2 games behind the Rangers in the AL wild-card chase.

Rockies 5, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Jorge De La Rosa pitched into the seventh inning before being ejected, and Ben Paulsen hit a two-run triple as the Colorado Rockies beat the Pittsburgh Pirates.

De La Rosa (8-6) allowed four hits in six-plus innings while striking out seven and walking one. The left-hander's only other win since July 11—a span of 10 starts—came Aug. 7 at Washington.

Scott Oberg, Christian Friedrich, Jairo Diaz and John Ax-ford completed the four-hit shutout.

De La Rosa and manager Walt Weiss were ejected for arguing with plate umpire Jeff Nelson as Weiss went to the mound to remove De La Rosa

Day wins The Barclays in another runaway



EDISON, N.J. (AP)— Jason Day, so poor as a kid that he shopped at a store where he stuffed as much used clothing as he could into a bag for \$5, is trying not to think about the potential of a \$10 million bonus for winning the FedEx Cup. That's still four weeks away.

Day, so cocksure as a teenager that he talked about being No. 1 even before he was a PGA Tour rookie, is trying to keep his mind off the possibility that he could rise above Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth and claim the top spot in the world ranking. That could be as little as one week away.

His six-shot victory Sunday in The Barclays opened a whole world of possibilities.

"I can only control what I can control," Day said.

And he has a great grip on that at the moment.

Fresh off his first major title at the PGA Championship, Day used that frightening blend of power and putting to bury another world-class field at The Barclays. He finished off a sensational weekend at Plainfield Country Club with an 8-under 62, the lowest closing round by a winner this year on the PGA Tour.

Henrik Stenson got within two shots after back-to-back birdies until he stalled with four holes to play, and Day made a pair of long putts across the green for birdies to stretch the lead and give him a peaceful walk up the 18th hole.

Relentless to the end, he hit driver to the edge of the green and made birdie to complete a 63-62 weekend.

McIlroy, who didn't play in the opening FedEx Cup playoff event so he could give his ankle an extra week of rest, moved back to No. 1 when Spieth missed the cut at The Barclays. That figured to be a two-man battle for the next month, except that now it's a three-man race.

Day could go to No. 1 with a victory at the Deutsche Bank Championship at



Jason Day, of Australia, is congratulated by his son Dash after winning The Barclays golf tournament Sunday, Aug. 30, 2015, in Edison, N.J. Day finished 19 under with a 261 total.

the TPC Boston, which starts Friday.

And the 27-year-old Australian would figure to be the favorite, at least considering how the last month has gone.

Since leaving the U.S. Open with vertigo symptoms, Day has won three of his five tournaments and is 62-under par in 20 rounds. He was 17 under when he won the Canadian Open by one shot over Bubba Watson. He set a major championship record to par when he won the PGA Championship at 20 under at Whistling Straits for a three-shot win over Spieth. And he finished at 19-under 261 to beat Stenson by six shots.

"Jason is full of confidence, just heating it up, making birdies," said Sten-

son, who closed with a 66. "It would have taken something really special to challenge him today the way he's playing at the moment."

Watson, who birdied the 18th hole for a 69 to finish third, was standing on the 15th hole when he said he turned to caddie Ted Scott and told him, "I'm playing good the last few months, and Jason Day is playing a thousand times better."

Better than anyone?

The victory, his fourth on the PGA Tour this year to tie him with Spieth, moved him to No. 1 in the FedEx Cup and assures that Day will be among the top five who have a clear shot at the \$10 million bonus at the Tour Championship.

More compelling is another race to No. 1.

Day remains at No. 3 in the world, but now enters the picture with Spieth and McIlroy for golf supremacy. All three will have a mathematical chance to get to No. 1 at the TPC Boston next week.

"Right now I'm trying to focus on getting some rest and going into next week, trying to play that golf course, which I absolutely love," Day said. "All positive stuff."

The only battle was to be among the top 100 who advanced to the next playoff event.

PGA Tour rookie Zac Blair was among eight players who played their way into the top 100, and he did it in a

6 JR.

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in the team event. Tan and Miyawaki also finished second in the girls U14 doubles and gained one win in the team competition.

Schorr and Song were quarterfinalists in the doubles and also bagged a win for the North crew in the team event, while Lee (with Palau's Ayana Rengil) made it to the quarterfinals in the girls U16 doubles and entered the win column in the team event.

Lee recorded a 100 winning percentage in singles matches (6-0) and 50 in doubles (1-1) for an overall 87.5 percent (7-1). In sets won/loss percentage, she tallied 92.3 percent in singles (12-

1) and 50 percent in doubles (2-2) for a total of 82.4 percent (14-3). In games won/loss percentage, Lee got 81.7 percent in singles (76-17) and 58.8 percent in doubles (20-14) for a total of 75.6 percent (96-31).

Schorr registered 6-1 and 86.7 percent (matches), 86.7 percent and 13-2 (sets won/loss), and 74.6 percent and 91-31 (games won/loss) in singles and 66.7 percent and 2-1 matches, 62.5 percent and 5-3 (sets won/loss) and 56.5 percent and 48-37 (games won/loss) in the doubles. He had totals of 80 percent, 78.3 percent, and 67.1 percent in matches, sets, and games won/loss, respectively.

Song had a total of 70 percent (7-3 win/loss matches) off his 71.4 percent

in singles (5-2) and 66.7 percent in doubles (2-1); 65.2 percent in sets (15-8) off his 66.7 percent in singles (10-5) and 62.5 percent (5-3) in doubles; and 57.1 percent in games off his 57.5 (73-54) in singles and 56.5 percent (48-37) in doubles.

Tan's total percentage in matches and sets were both 75s, as she logged 5-1 (83.3 percent) and 1-1 (50 percent) in singles and doubles matches and 10-2 (83.3 percent) and 2-2 (50 percent) in sets won/loss in singles and doubles, respectively. In games won/loss, she got a total of 66.3 percent (81-43) off her 70.5 percent (62-26) in singles and 52.8 percent (19-17) in doubles.

Tan's doubles partner, Miyawaki,

had similar 50 percent in all three categories. Miyawaki had 3-3 and 1-1 records in singles and doubles matches, 6-6 and 2-2 in sets won/loss and 53-55 and 19-17 in games won/loss.

Kaga posted 5-1 in singles (83.3 percent) and 1-1 in doubles (50 percent) for a total percentage (matches) of 75. She has a better percentage (76.5) in sets won/loss after earning 11-2 in singles (84.6) and 2-2 in doubles (50). In games won/loss, Kaga had a total percentage of 64.3 off her 69.8 percent in singles (74-32) and 48.6 percent in doubles (18-19).

Kaga and the five other CNMI bets that are likely to be selected on the touring teams will either compete in Australia or New Zealand early next year.

Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Angeles added a team send-off will be held at the lobby of Kanoa Resort this Saturday and the squad leaves Saipan for its connecting flight to Guam at 2:20pm. From Guam, the group will go to Manila, Philippines and then to its final destination.

In Beijing, the CNMI youth players will collide against teams from Japan, North and South Korea, Chinese-Taipei, and host China.

big way. He closed with a 66 and tied for fourth, moving him from No. 106 to No. 35.

Camilo Villegas at No. 123 appeared to be playing his way out of another week when he made three straight bogeys early on the back nine. Facing elimination if he failed to make par on the 18th, he got up-and-down by making a par putt from just inside 10 feet.

"As bad as I putted today, I think I made the hardest putt today," Villegas said.

The Barclays did not end well for Stewart Cink and Nick Taylor. Cink needed a par on the final hole to advance, pulled his tee shot left into high grass and missed a 15-foot par putt for a 72. He finished at No. 102 in the FedEx Cup. Taylor, the Canadian rookie who won early in the season last November, took a double bogey on the 14th hole and then missed a 7-foot birdie putt on the final hole that would have sent him to Boston.

MAKALARO

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cause with his 19 points, while Angelo Fernando chipped in 10.

Meanwhile, in the first game last Sunday, Kidlat also registered a 10-point winning margin against Wag Kang Pabebe, 73-63.

The opposing squads now have identical 1-1 records to tie Hard Kulangot and Oh My J for second to fifth place in the team standings.

The trio of Justin Zapanta, White Capalad, and Manolo Manalo worked together to give Kidlat its first win. Zapanta had a team-high 22 points, while Capalad and Manalo contributed 17 and 10, respectively. Zapanta and Capalad outgunned Wag Kang Pabebe from downtown with the Kidlat duo combining for seven triples against one each from Brendon Tania and Teddy Gil Orbeta.

Zapanta canned three straight triples and 8 consecutive points the closing minutes of the first half and ended the opening frame with 18 to lift Kidlat to a 41-36 halftime edge. Capalad sank the last basket for Kidlat in the first half, burying his second triple in the game. The Kidlat guard hit his first shot from beyond the arc for the team's first basket in the match and he also nailed the squad's last field goal from the 3-point area.

In related news, league organizers have decided to hold one game every Wednesday, starting tomorrow. Kidlat will face Makalaro at 5:30pm with the former hoping for back-to-back wins and the latter aiming to take the solo lead and stretch its streak to three.

SATURDAY

Makalaro Lang 67 – Peredo 20, Devero 18, Velasco 12, Moises 9, Buenabajo 6, Culala 2.

Red Rice 57 – Barbo 19, Fernando 10, Anasan 7, Hernandez 6, Saplan 6, Cabanas 4, Achas 4.

Scoring by halves: 27-28, 67-57.

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Kidlat 73 – Zapanta 22, Capalad 17, Manalo 10, Sevilla 8, Tengco 6, Hernandez 4, Garcia 4, Toribio 2.

Wag Kang Pabebe 63 – Tania 25, Devero 17, Orbeta 5, Woodson 4, Abdilla 4, Mina 3, Tolosa 2.

Scoring by halves: 41-36, 73-63.

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includes goalies Clayton Izuka and John Joseph Bucayo, defenders Cole Chambers, Cody Leon, David Mafnas, Kirt Andon, Sebastien Manabat, Dai Podziewski, and Leandro Bichayda, midfielders Jonathan Capayas, Joshua Abragan, Joshua De Leon, Andruw Omelau, Edward Joon Cho, Logan Mister, Jonah Pohl, and Mark Esa-

lan, and forwards Thaiphi Austria and John Michael Rojas. Former Olympian and Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong's Luam Khen Koo is the squad's coach and will be assisted by Wai Wo Lee, while Derek Chambers and Karen Buettner are the team manager and physiotherapist, respectively.

Assistant coach Jerse Angeles, who handled the training session of the select squad in absence of Koo, said the team will still practice this week with

the last set for Friday. He added that Lee was already in town and conducted the squad's training session yesterday with the help of another Chelsea FC Soccer School Hong Kong coach Takemoto Suzuki. Koo will join the squad in Beijing from Hong Kong this Sunday.

"In the final week of the team's training session, we will be focusing on plays and positioning," said Angeles, who will assist in the team's practice session anew today at the



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Schorr



Song



Tan



Miyawaki



Kaga

6 jr. players to make elite team

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Six CNMI junior tennis players are poised to get slots on the Pacific Oceania ITF touring teams after making the grade in the 2015 Pacific Oceania Junior Championships held in Fiji last week.

“Carol Lee, Robbie Schorr, Ken Song, Tania Tan, Malika Miyawaki, and Conatsu Kaga will all be likely selected to the ITF touring teams,” CNMI coach Jeff



Race said in a message sent to *Saipan Tribune* from Fiji.

Lee will lead the group of Commonwealth players picked to join the elite squad after win-

ning the girls U16 singles in the POJC. Schorr, Song, and Miyawaki earned spots on the team after marching into the semifinals of the U14 age group, while Tan also got the nod following her finals stint in the girls U14 division. Kaga will join the selection after barging into the Final Four in the girls U12 singles.

In the doubles, Conatsu made it all the way to finals with younger sister Coume and later the Kaga siblings, together with Ericka Tuttle gave the North Pacific squad the girls U12 title

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Makalaro Lang gains share of lead

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Makalaro Lang joined idle Pasion De Amor on top of the team standings in the 2015 Blue Haus/IT&E Inter-Color Basketball League after outclassing Red Rice, 67-57, in the nightcap last Saturday at the Navy Hill court.

Makalaro Lang played better in the second half to take the double-digit winning margin and gain a share of the top spot with Pasion De Amor. The co-leaders hold similar 2-0 records, while Red Rice is still winless after two games.

Errol Peredo and Ivan Devero, who combined for more than half of Makalaro Lang's total output in their debut win over Hard Kulangot, 74-61, again took the cudgels for their squad against the Darwin Barbo-led Red Rice. Devero scored 14 of his 18 points in the second half to make up for his so-so start in the first 20 minutes of play where he only knocked in two baskets. Peredo, on the other hand, was consistent with his offensive game, making 11 in the first half and adding 9 in the second to lead all scorers.

Peredo's double figures in the first half kept Makalaro Lang in the game, as the team was behind by only a hair at halftime, 27-28. Peredo made two early baskets and then went cold midway in the opening half before closing out strong, drilling 6 of Makalaro Lang's last 10 markers.

Red Rice got 4 straight points from Joel Saplan to



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Makalaro Lang's Errol Peredo pulls up for a jumper against Hard Kulangot's Nolan Kultura during their game in the Blue Haus/IT&E caging last week at the Navy Hill court.

end the first half with a shaky 1-point lead.

Red Rice eventually lost the driver's seat as Barbo got little help from his teammates, while

Peredo and Devero teamed up in towing Makalaro Lang to its second win in as many games.

Barbo led Red Rice's losing **See MAKALARO on Page 19**



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Members of the CNMI U14 National Team listen to the pointers given by assistant coach Jerh Angeles in one of their training sessions at the Oleai Sports Complex Field this month.

CNMI U14 team leaves for Beijing

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Members of the CNMI U14 National Team will be the first batch of play-

ers to leave Saipan this month to compete in Asian Football Confederation-sanctioned tournaments.

The U14 squad will leave for Beijing, China this Sunday to participate in the AFC U14 Regional Festival of Football,

which will run from Sept. 7 to 14 with actual games beginning on Sept. 9.

The Northern Mariana Islands Football Association-backed team will send 19 players to China and the list **See CNMI on Page 19**